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Goodwin takes Henderson St. spot

■ Goodwin takes Athletic Director job at his Alma Matter.

By Kaleb Breaux
News Editor

Northwestern State head football coach Sam Goodwin called it quits Tuesday, May 9, after 17 seasons of coaching at the University.

"I've been a football player or coach since I was six, so I'll miss it," Goodwin said. "I feel very positive about the decision I've made."

Goodwin, age 56, who has retired from coaching, will become the athletic director of his alma mater, Henderson State University in Arkansas. "You're at an age when you have to think about something like this," Goodwin said. "I think age played a big part in it."

As the head football coach at Northwestern, Goodwin has many credentials under his belt. With his 102-88-3 (.536) record, Sam Goodwin has become the winningest football coach in Northwestern State and Southland Conference. His overall record includes a 54-38-2 (.585) posting in conference play.

He has won four confer

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Photo by Gary Hardamon
During a press conference Veteran football coach Sam Goodwin bids farewell to NSU after 17 years on the field.

Historic Taylor Home put on sale

■ The home that saw "Steel Magnolias" to house new occupants

By Josh Green
Sauce Reporter



Photo by Gary Hardamon
One of Natchitoches biggest tourist attractions will soon be in the hands of new owners. The Taylor Home has been put on sale for $600,000.

At 320 Jefferson St. sits a piece of Natchitoches history.

The Taylor home, most recognizable from the 1988 film "Steel Magnolias", has been put up for sell via Taylor Realty.

The home, originally owned by Frenchman Louis Depliex, was built in the 1840s to serve as a retail store.

Now, the 5,000 plus square-foot home serves as one of Natchitoches' best-known landmarks.

Kaleb Breaux, a university ambassador, gives tours to potential high school students and their families. As well as showing visitors around campus, Breaux treks off-campus to give a history of the landmarks in the city.

He said that the Taylor home is one of the more popular attractions.

"People always want to see the house where Steel Magnolias was filmed. . . most get real excited when they see it and the trees where the bird scenes were filmed," said Breaux.

One south Louisiana resident traveled over three hours to view the home. "This house just has a southern charm to it," said Jane Vories of Houma. "It actually looks like the perfect house straight out of a movie."

While the cast and crew of

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SGA President disappointed with hosts during conference

■ SGA President pleased with election, unpleased with LSU - A hosts

By Raymond Williams
Sauce Reporter

Newly elected SGA President, David Gunn was pleased with his election to the Louisiana System Board of Supervisors last week during the Council of Student Body Presidents Association conference held at LSU - A.



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Gunn and SGA Vice President Rusty Broussard were not pleased, however, with their hosts behavior.

"It gave the whole meeting a sense of unprofessionalism," Broussard said.

Gunn and Broussard said representatives of LSU-A ambushed them within thirty seconds of walking into their hotel.

Broussard said LSU-A representatives were asking for support in their fight to make LSU-A a four-year institution.

Both Gunn and Broussard said they were totally against LSU-A's request, as were all the other schools in the UL system.

"I want to stress that this is something that is not good for NSU or the state of Louisiana in terms of higher education," Gunn said.

Gunn said he told the president of LSU-A's student body how he felt and condemned the unprofessional treatment of the issue.

Broussard and Gunn said other than the LSU-A incidents, the conference was

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GOODWIN: Age played a part in coach's decision

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ence championships (Gulf Star 1984, Southland 1988, 1997, 1998). Along with these four championships, Goodwin has led the Demons to three Division I-AA playoff appearances. In 1998 the Demons reached the semifinal round and later lost to the University of Massachusetts, who later became the National champions. In the same year, Goodwin tied a school record with 11 wins.

Another milestone came when Sam Goodwin's 1997 and 1998 Demons became back-to-back Southland Conference champions. It was the first time in 12 seasons that a Southland Conference team successfully defended a conference title.

Goodwin was also one of five finalists for the national I-AA Coach of the Year award in 1998. He won conference Coach of the Year awards in 1988, 1997 and 1998. Goodwin is also ninth in terms of longevity among 115 coaches in Division I-AA and ninth amongst Division I coaches.

Sam Goodwin, along with his many other awards and accomplishments, has also given something to some of his former players that many coaches can only hope for. Ten of his former players are currently playing for NFL teams, 38 reached the NFL in all. In the last two years eight of his players advanced to the NFL.

Finally, Sam Goodwin has been inducted into the school's Reddie Hall of Honor and also, last fall he was inducted into the Graduate N Club Hall of Fame.

He will officially take over at Henderson State on July 1, taking the place of the retiring Ken Turner.

Enrollment service to take "SMART" approach to recruiting

By Josh Green
Sauce Reporter

University enrollment services is looking forward to the installment of a new recruiting program.

The "SMART" program, Student Marketing And Recruiting Team, will be used for the purpose of making, what many consider to be the best aspects of the university, more apparent to students in the region. University alumni will volunteer to be a "lifeline" for out-of-state high school students and the university's recruiters.

"This is a unique way for alumni to give back to their university," said Ina Agnew, Director of Enrollment Services.

Agnew said that volunteers in the SMART program will be supplied with materials focusing on two main areas.

"NSU has five areas of excellence. . . with this program, we're really going to market heavily the Creative and Performing Arts program and the Louisiana Scholars College here on campus," she said.

Volunteers will attend a half-day program one to two times a year to perfect their skills. Every university alumnus was sent a letter explaining the new program, and many responded.

"We'll eventually expand and go further with this program," Agnew said.

Lauren Kennedy, recruiting specialist for the university, said, "the program will sort of be in a test run at first, but will eventually expand beyond this region."

Kennedy believes that this will be an excellent asset to the admissions office. "This is a great way for NSU to get its name out there even more and to promote our areas of excellence."

She said that the volunteer's goal is to initially give out information and eventually turn the student over to a university recruiting specialist. This way, they will receive the personal touch and on-campus services that the office of admissions provides.

Any university alumnus interested in volunteering in the SMART program should contact Ina Agnew in enrollment services.

CONFERENCE: President, vice-president pleased with trip

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very successful.

"Within our system, I really got along with everyone," Gunn said. "There was a real sense of comradery."

The state of Louisiana has four different systems, which represent all forms of higher education. These systems include the LSU System, the Southern System, the Community College System and the University of Louisiana System. The latter includes NSU, McNeese, LA Tech and five others.

Gunn said the Board of Supervisors oversees the eight universities of the UL system.

Gunn said this is an important time for the universities in terms of funding, so he went to the conference with a specific goal in mind.

"I definitely wanted to get a executive position," Gunn said. "I'm going in not really knowing much about it," he continued.

Gunn said through his obligation to sit on at least four committees, he will soon gain a good understanding of his role and then formulate his own ideas.

Broussard said he did not plan to run for any executive positions because he felt that it would be more advantageous to students if he was assessable in Gunn's absences.

Broussard said the purpose of the conference was to bring together all student body presidents of all the institutions in the state. Last week's meeting was the first involving the new presidents of the coming academic year.

Gunn also said he was glad to see that the presidents of the UL system had faith in him and his abilities to represent them.

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Learning does not have to slow during summer

It's almost vacation time, when hectic school days yield to the long, leisurely days of summer.

Life slows down. But does learning need to? Not at all, according to one assistant professor of education at Northwestern State University. In fact, the phenomenon that teachers refer to as summer slack — a forgetting of last year's basics —need not occur at all. Parents simply need to take a few moments to organize their children's summer days.

"Maintaining structure is so important," says Dr. Barbara Duchardt. "From late May through August is a lot of time to lose important concepts."

Just because a student is out of school for the summer should not mean that learning ends. But don't think it's all books and worksheets, Duchardt says. Learning can be fun, both during school and in the summertime.

Students who have access to a computer have a great educational tool right at their fingertips, and a variety of educational resources are just as far away as the click of a mouse.

"There are a lot of educational sites out there," Duchardt said, "from vocabulary and literature to art and games, children can learn using their computers at home."

She adds that it takes a while for parents to find helpful resources on the Internet and offers some suggestions.

"You have to shuffle through some sites to find the really good ones," Duchardt said.

A few of the sites she recommends are AOL@school (www.school.aol.com), Merriam-Webster's WordCentral, winner of the 2000 Webby Award for best educational website (www.wordcentral.com), Harcourt School Publishers' sites on spelling, literature and science (www.harcourtschool.com), and Vocabulary University's vocabulary sites (www.vocabulary.com).

Even if a student does not have access to computers, there are a number of summertime activities that can be modified to incorporate little lessons, Duchardt said.

When families travel during the summer, students can make up games for in the trip or compile a trip log, complete with journal entries, photographs, drawings and postcards.

If students stay home during the summertime, parents might suggest that they write a play for neighborhood children to perform. Playing games such as chess, backgammon, Battleship, card games of any sort, checkers or Parcheesi helps students to learn math skills and improve reading levels.

Taylor Home: $600,000 set as asking price

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set of the film. It was the childhood residence of lead characters Shelby (played by Julia Roberts) and Malynn (played by Sally Field).

The four-story home contains five bedrooms, 3.5 baths, a kitchen including a barbeque pit and wet bar, and two fireplaces.

The piece of history has gained national attention as it has been featured in People Magazine and other publications. Taylor is asking $600,000 for the home.

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Search continues for Goodwin replacement

■ Athletic Department hopes to have a new coach by June 1

By Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

While saying he's not in any hurry, NSU Athletics Director Greg Burke wants to fill the vacancy for the head football coach position as soon as possible.

In an article appearing in Tuesday's Alexandria Daily Town Talk, Burke said that a five-member committee is screening applicants for the job. Burke added that he would like to have a new coach in place by June 1 but that he wouldn't rush it.

"If it doesn't happen by then, I'm not going to fret," Burke said.

"If we can't get it done by June 1, we're not going to be in a hurry."

Burke has the daunting task of replacing NSU legend Sam Goodwin. Goodwin, the winningest coach in both NSU and Southland conference history, stepped down from the position May 9 to become the Athletic Director at Henderson State, Goodwin's alma mater.

"It's important anytime you hire a coach, especially when you're trying to replace someone the caliber of Sam Goodwin, that you don't sell yourself short and you act thoroughly," Burke added.

"We're on our way to being thorough, but were not quite there yet."

The list of rumored candidates for the job looks like a Who's Who of Northwestern football. Former defensive coordinator Brad Peveto, Ole Miss defensive coordinator Art Kaufman and Belhaven coach Norman Joseph are some names that have been brought up. Former San Diego Charger Quarterback Stan Humphries' name has also been rumored to be interested.

"I feel good about the quality of applicants," Burke said.

"It might be that the resume of the next Northwestern football coach is coming over the fax tomorrow,"



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" I honestly think they should name the stadium after him."

-B.J Williams, Safety 1996-99

Demon Baseball team makes finals, fall to ULM in extra innings

Sports Information

Northwestern State Came within one out of advancing to the 200 Southland Conference Tournament Championship game, but Louisiana -Monroe scored two runs in the bottom of the ninth inning to tie the score and eventually take a dramatic 4-3 11 inning win.

With the loss, the Demons ended their season with a 30-26 record, while La.Monroe improved to 39-19 before falling to Southwest Texas in the championship game.

NSU, which held the lead since the bottom of the first inning, entered the top of the ninth up 3-1. Sophomore right-hander Jason Slanina, who pitched brilliantly for the Northwestern, allowed a one-out single to ULM designated hitter Mike Wambacher.

Slanina then recorded the second out of the inning on a ground ball to the mound, moving the runner over to second base. Down to their last out, the Indians sent pinch-hitter Joe Jenson to the plate. Jenson, in only his second at-bat of the tournament, delivered a an RBI-single to cut the NSU lead to 3-2.

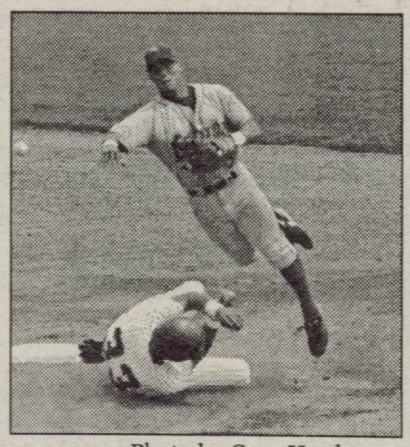


Photo by Gary Hardamon
Despite a mediocre year, the Demons did manage to reach the SLC championship game against ULM.

Shortstop Shane Webb, batting in the ninth spot in the Indian line-up, singled for the fourth time in the contest putting runners at first and third with still two outs in the inning. Left-fielder Toby Childers then tied the game at 3-3 with a single up the middle, Childers' only base-hit in six at-bats on the day.

The score remained tied until the top of the eleventh inning. Andy Chance, who had pinch - run for Wambacher in the ninth inning, delivered a lead-off single to start the inning. After a sacrifice bunt moved Chance into scoring position, second-baseman Jack Skaggs, in his first at bat of the game, singled past a diving Buddy Proctor at first base, scoring chance with the eventual winning run.

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Storybook softball season ends abruptly in NCAA's

Demon Softball team goes two-and-out in regionals

Sports Information

LSU 7, NSU 1

A two-out, two-strike, two-run single in the bottom of the fifth by LSU catcher Jennifer Schuelke broke open a one-run game as the top-seeded Tigers pulled away for a 7-1 win over Northwestern State in the opening round of the NCAA Region 7 Softball Tournament.

Schuelke, batting only .156, fouled off five two-strike pitches before cracking a line-drive base hit to center to stretch LSU s lead to 4-1. The Tigers added three more runs in the bottom of the sixth to break open a pitching duel between LSU ace Britni Sneed (26-6) and Northwestern freshman star Jessica Holaway (16-8).

LSU 's Sneed scattered three hits, two by Demon senior right fielder Linette Stuart. A two-out infield single by Stuart in the third inning scored Christina Edgar, who reached on an error, stole second and got to third on a wild pitch. That brought the score to 2-1. LSU pushed across a pair of runs in the first inning on a sacrifice fly by Ashley Lewis and a hit batsman with the bases loaded.

Oregon 4, NSU 1

Fifth-seeded Oregon eliminated sixth-seeded Northwestern State, 4-1, in the first game of the second day of the NCAA Softball Regional at Baton Rouge.

Oregon starter Connie McMurren, the loser of the Ducks' first game in the regional, improved to 16-18 on the season after allowing only one run on four hits.

Northwestern State finished the 2000 season at 41-19 after losing its second straight game in the regional tournament. Starting pitcher Amanda Ortego received the loss and fell to 16-8 on the season.

Northwestern State leadoff hitter Linette Stuart tripled to open the game then scored an unearned run on a two-out fielding error by Oregon third baseman Holly Ray to take a 1-0 first inning. lead.

Lady Demon freshman wins SLC field events athlete award

Sports Information



Gary Hardamon/NSU Press
Jacqueline Canton

Northwestern State freshman Jacqueline Canton was voted Southland Conference Outdoor Field Events Female Athlete of the Year by the conference coaches.

Canton won the women's high jump (5-10 1/2) and triple jump (40-1 1/4) titles on the final day of the SLC Outdoor Championships at NSU's Walter Ledet Track Complex. She scored 20 points for the Lady Demons, who finished third in the team standings. Her high jump matched her own school record and the stadium record. The triple jump mark was her best of the year.

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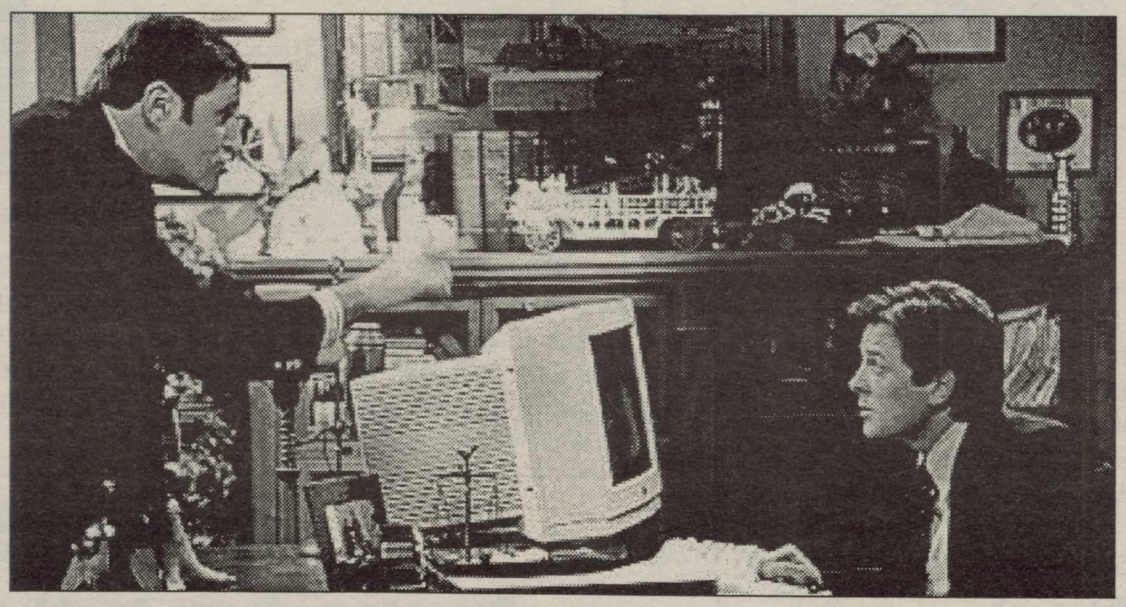
Fox bids emotional farewell to Spin City

In this months of series cliffhangers, ``Spin City'' presents the most gripping: What will the future hold for Michael J. Fox?

Fox left the ABC sitcom after last night's season finale to fight his case of Parkinson's disease, marking the last, most poignant stop on the farewell tour he has traveled since he announced his plans in January.

A farewell tour doesn't have to mean forever, of course. And you can expect to see Fox on ``Spin City'' in an occasional guest appearance next season, most like during ratings sweeps periods.

But there is an unequivocal finality to this episode. It is titled ``Goodbye,'' and signals Fox's exit from the 4-year-old series that was built around his brash, boyish style.



File Photo

Michael J. Fox (right) leaves Spin City to continue his battle against Parkinson's Disease.

Understandably, the March week it was shot ``turned out to be fairly emotional,'' Fox said. ``I learned how much I love the people in this show and the verisimilitude there is between my life and Michael Flaherty's life.''

Flaherty is the character Fox played - the deputy mayor of New York who this week took the fall for a scandal that could sink the entire city administration. On the plus side, he is carnally rewarded for his self-sacrifice by Caitlin (Heather Locklear), his former colleague and new love.

The episode gives Fox an efficient send-off. In return, he rallies his diminished energies, if all too visibly, for a bravura performance.

One of the most affecting cloaked references comes from the courtly, befuddled Mayor Winston, played by Barry Bostwick.

``The years that we've been working together, they've been the best years of my life,'' the mayor tells his deputy. ``Even during the tough times, I could always count on you.''

This speech rings with truth when viewers recall that, after ``Spin City'' premiered in 1996, Bostwick underwent treatment for prostate cancer.

Still, the feelings that pervade this episode for cast and audience alike are insufficient to raise it above what ``Spin City'' has been from the start. A series that has never won an Emmy and currently occupies 41st place in the ratings for the season, its main distinction has always been the actor it's now losing.

Now the series Fox is leaving behind will leave New York, to shoot on a Los Angeles sound stage next season. Charlie Sheen will join the cast.

In Wednesday's finale, Flaherty reflects on his sudden joblessness.

``Every morning,'' he says,

``I wake up and I got somewhere to go, I got something to do. What am I going to do tomorrow when the alarm goes off?''

Fox knows pretty well what he's going to be doing for his foreseeable tomorrow's. He will devote more time to his new career as an advocate for research into finding a cure for Parkinson's, a progressive neurological disorder. The 38-year-old star says he expects a cure by the time he is 50.

Fox has insisted that he isn't giving up show business. But as he told Diane Sawyer on ''20/20'' last week, ``it takes a different degree of energy and concentration for me to do things than for you to do things.''

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MI:2 both promising and murky

When the first feature film version of the long-running TV series ``Mission: Impossible'' came out in 1996, critics complained that the plot was so murky as to be impenetrable. No matter. The high-tech action drama proved to be a huge money-maker for Paramount and Tom Cruise, the movie's star and co-producer.

``M:I-2,'' as the sequel is called, also suffers from plotting deficiencies, but it will further enrich Paramount and its parent Viacom, as well as Cruise. The credit belongs to John Woo, who has transferred the chop-socky dynamics of Hong Kong quickies to big-budget Hollywood movies.

Like most films of its genre, ``Mission: Impossible 2'' purveys a doomsday theme. An Australian pharmaceutical firm has developed a horrendously virulent virus called Chimera which can kill millions in short order. The company's boss has also ordered an antidote which could be worth billions of dollars. Chimera falls into the hands of terrorists led by the vicious Sean Ambrose (Dougray Scott).



File Photo

Tom Cruise and Thandie Newton heat up the screen in MI:2. This time around Cruise is in search of virus called Chimera.

Ethan Hunt (Cruise) is pulled from a rock-climbing adventure to report to Seville, Spain, where he gets his orders from his superior (Anthony Hopkins in a brief, unbilled appearance). Hunt is told to search for the terrorists and recover the virus. He is assigned a collaborator, a beautiful jewel thief named Nyah Hall (Thandie Newton). His logistical chief will be Luther Stickell (Ving Rhames, the only holdover from the 1996 film).

Hunt and Hall of course begin with an adversarial relationship, customary for buddy movies, male-male or male-female. And of course the relationship warms as they face unimaginable dangers together.

The romantic episodes offer brief respite from the wall-to-wall action. The method includes atomic-like explosions, extended shootouts lacking in sharpshooters, and gladiatorial kung fu accented by slow motion and earsplitting sound effects. It worked in Hong Kong, and it works here - although the final hand-to-hand (or foot-to-head) battle of Hunt and Ambrose extends beyond plausible human endurance.

Cruise makes a convincing hero, and he reportedly performed many of his own stunts. His rock climbing and other daring feats seem like the real thing, but in today's world of digital magic, who can tell?

Newton, who appeared with Cruise in ``Interview with the Vampire,'' is perfectly cast as the tough but vulnerable thief. Her future seems unlimited.

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Roberts named head football coach

Former SAU coach chosen as Goodwin replacement from 40 applicants

By Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

Steve Roberts became only the eighth head football coach in Demon history during a press conference Friday afternoon. Roberts replaced Sam Goodwin exactly one month to the day after Goodwin announced his retirement.

"We had over 40 applicants, got it down to nine, brought six to the campus, and ended up with Steve," Athletic Director Greg Burke said. "When you have to replace good people, you've gotta get the right people."

In three seasons as head coach of the Division II Southern Arkansas Muleriders, Roberts compiled a 25-6 record. His 1997 squad went 9-2 and earned a spot in the Division II playoffs.

Over the past three seasons, Roberts' SAU teams have finished the regular season 15th in the nation, including a number 10 ranking in 1997.

"We will establish the same strategy, and we will inspire people," Roberts said.

Roberts was selected through a 12-member panel of university officials, players and coaches. Included in the panel were University president Randall J. Webb, Vice President Jerry Pierce and former Demon All-American center William Broussard.

Of the six finalists, Roberts was the only one who had no prior ties to the University either as a player or coach, making him a slight underdog.

"Coming from someone who was told was too small to play center at the Division I level, I know what it's like

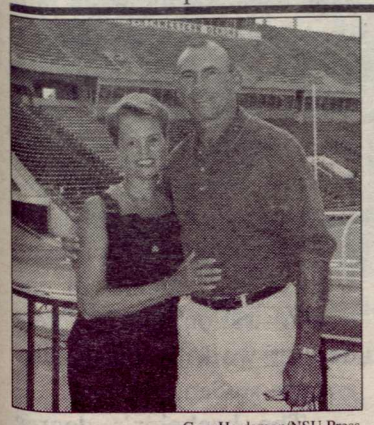
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Gary Hardamon/NSU Press

New Northwestern head football coach Steve Roberts is welcomed to the University during a press conference last Friday. Roberts compiled an impressive record of 25-6 at SAU including a 1997 squad that went 9-2.

Tragedy strikes Northwestern



Gary Hardamon/NSU Press

Donations may be made to the NSU Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Janet Goodwin Scholarship Fund.

By Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

The Goodwin family is asking that donations be made to a scholarship fund set up in honor of Janet Goodwin to the Northwestern State Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Goodwin, wife of former Demon football coach Sam Goodwin, remained in critical condition as of press time Wednesday night after suffering a massive heart attack early Sunday.

She is still in intensive care at Trident Medical Center in Columbia, S.C., where doctors said that neurological test results showed there is no chance for recovery.

"Janet Goodwin has been a prominent and vital member of the NSU community," University President Randall J. Webb said. "We love the Goodwins and appreciate them so much. The whole city is saddened by this tragedy."

LSUA debate to be heard during session

By Josh Beavers
Editor

A special 10 day legislative session will begin Monday in Baton Rouge with the fate of LSUA's bid for a four-year university hanging in the balance.

The session, called by Gov. Mike Foster, has 38 items on the docket, but it is item No. 4 that is especially relevant to the LSUA case

Item No. 4 permits higher education boards in the state to increase existing tuition and fees or to impose new tuition, fees or charges, "but only in the event Louisiana State University at Alexandria is authorized ... to issue baccalaureate degrees.

This item has left some at Northwestern scratching their heads in confusion and worrying about the Louisiana higher education system as a whole.

"The way that this has been set up with the tuition increase is really confusing," Vice President of External Affairs Jerry Pierce said. "I don't think it makes any sense. It would be much more sensible for these two be two separate issues for the legislature to vote on. The tuition increase is one and LSU-A going four years is another."

If Item No. 4 does not pass then Northwestern as

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Insurance scam costs Natchitoches $585,316

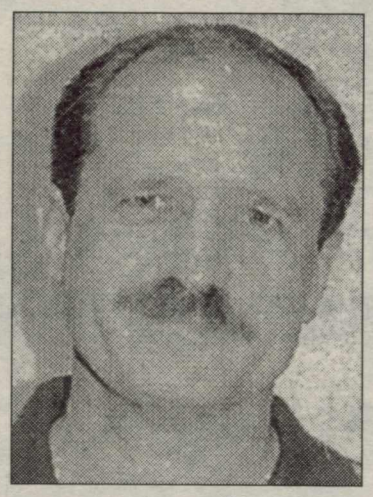
By Kaleb Breaux
News Editor

On June 5, a five-year insurance scam was uncovered after the reviewing of the Legislative Auditor's report on the city of Natchitoches's insurance investigation.

The report reveals that former Natchitoches insurance agent Robert Morrow over-billed the city of Natchitoches $585,316.

Morrow did not act alone in the scam. A large amount of the money, $183,504, went to Kenneth Aaron, another Natchitoches insurance agent and Traber Insurance Agency, $64,797.

This five-year scam occurred from June 1994 to November 1999.



Powell

During a press conference recently current Natchitoches mayor Wayne McCullen said, "I don't know when it started, but it would be prudent for the City to look beyond those dates."

Former City Finance Director Charles Powell was responsible for approving the excessive billing and failing to review the invoices before allowing them to proceed.

Upon the review City checks were found made payable to Traber Insurance Agency, where Morrow was general manager. These checks were then endorsed by Morrow and converted into cash and money orders payable to the other accomplices.

The city purchased over $1.8 million worth of insurance through Traber Insurance Agency from June 1995 through November 1999. The audit says that Traber sent the city both the invoice and the policy, but Powell failed to correctly review them and note the high cost.



Aaron

The report also says that the city paid Traber more than $180,000 to handle these services and claims from June 1995 to November 1999. However, it was determined that the services had never been approved by the City Council or the mayor.

Another company had already been doing these services for the city.

Traber Insurance Agency has already returned $29,000 to the City for over-billing, and will continue to do so until the bill is finally paid.

Powell told the auditors that he was unaware of the over-billing of Morrow.

No charges have been filed at this point. However, the Natchitoches Parish District Attorney's Office has begun a criminal investigation.

"It was an unfortunate situation," McCullen said. "Our responsibility is now to insure we recover the money and insure that it will never happen again."



Courtney Payne/Current Sauce

And the band played on
Students from all over the state came to NSU this week to participate in the annual Band Camp.

Date rape case dropped by DA

By Josh Beavers
Editor

Alleged date rape charges against University student Adam Breedlove, 19, have been dropped by Natchitoches Parish District Attorney Van Kyzar, due to a lack of evidence and "glaring inconsistencies" in the victim's account.

Allegations had been made by a 22-year-old female that Breedlove had drugged her at a local bar on the night of April 17, with the date rape drug Rohyphol, which has the ability to incapacitate a person and make them susceptible to sexual assault.

She said after being taken home by Breedlove she passed out due to the drug and awoke to find him having sex with her.

Charges were dropped, however, when blood tests received last week in the D.A.'s office showed no sign of the drug Rohypnol or anything else.

"There was nothing in her system, including Rohypnol," Kyzar said.

This, along with other "glaring inconsistencies" in the victim's account, which Kyzar would not disclose, led to his decision to drop the case.

"The test results showing that the victim had not been drugged as claimed was the final straw that broke the back of the case," he said.

Programs earn accreditation through 2005-2006

Northwestern State University's bachelor's degree programs in art and graphic communications and master's degree program in studio art have earned accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Art and Design.

The accreditation is through the 2005-2006 academic year.

Northwestern has gained accreditation for 31 of 33 eligible academic programs (94 percent). The remaining two programs, the associate in electronics technology and bachelor's in electronic engineering technology, are seeking accreditation. All of NSU's seven graduate programs with accrediting agencies have earned accreditation.

NSU President Randall J. Webb said the achievement was important for Northwestern as the university seeks to have all eligible academic programs accredited by next year.

" One of our main goals has been to focus on excellence in all of our academic and professional programs," said Webb. "Our faculty have worked with us to see that our programs meet the highest national standards. One hundred percent accreditation is within our sight. I look forward to meeting that goal and continuing to strengthen all programs at Northwestern."

As part of the process, the programs underwent a rigorous self-study which examined facilities, available technology, faculty, curriculum and other areas. Outside consultants also visited NSU and made additional suggestions to strengthen the program.

"This designation by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design puts Northwestern in the same league with major universities across the country," said Professor of Art Bill Bryant, the coordinator of visual arts at NSU. "The process has been going on for more than two years. It could not been achieved without the support of the administration and a great deal of work by the faculty and the students."

The bachelor's degree

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Five university students to compete in Miss Louisiana Pageant Saturday

By Raymond Williams
Sauce Reporter

Five university students will compete for the title of Miss Louisiana in the Miss Louisiana Pageant this Saturday night in Monroe.

The students are, Lady of the Bracelet, Sabrina Plaissance; Miss NSU, Amber Rhyne; Miss Acadiana, Lakeisha Harris; Miss Holiday in Dixie, Casey Jo Crowder; and Miss Shreveport, Shelley Colvin.

Assistant Director of Student Activities, Susanna Deshotel, said she worked with Plaissance and Rhyne to help prepare them for the pageant.

She drove them to Monroe where it will be held in the Civic Center. She also said she helped familiarize them with current events, which will aid them in the interview section of the competition.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Press

These five NSU students who will compete in the Miss Louisiana Pageant Saturday night in Monroe. Miss NSU, Amber Rhyne; Lady of the Bracelet, Sabrina Plaissance; Miss Arcadiana, Lakeisha Harris; Miss Holiday in Dixie, Casey Jo Crowder; and Miss Shreveport, Shelley Colvin.

Deshotel said her involvement is part of her job description as director of the Lady of the Bracelet Pageant. She said that most of her participation has been with Plaissance and Rhyne.

Deshotel said she also helped complete the paperwork needed to enter the girls in the pageant and organizing other details of their entry.

"The girls decide what the are going to wear...we just help them be prepared enough to feel confident," Deshotel said.

Deshotel said even she was amazed by the work necessary to be involved in the pageant. She said the girls have put in a lot of work and she has a lot of respect for them because of their efforts.

The contestants rehearsed and prepared for the pageant earlier this week. The preliminary round will be held on Thursday and Friday. From the preliminary round, the 26 contestants will be narrowed down to the final ten.

The finals will be aired live on 31 KLAX at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Deshotel encourages students to watch the pageant, but she was skeptical about commenting on a university student winning the pageant.

"I don't want to jinx it, but I'll just say they [students] should watch the pageant and see," Deshotel said. "We have quality girls going and anything can happen."



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ROBERTS: Coach set to build solid program

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to be an underdog," Broussard said. "That's probably the reason why I liked him from the start."

"You will be impressed with coach Roberts' sincerity, excellence and intelligence," Webb said.

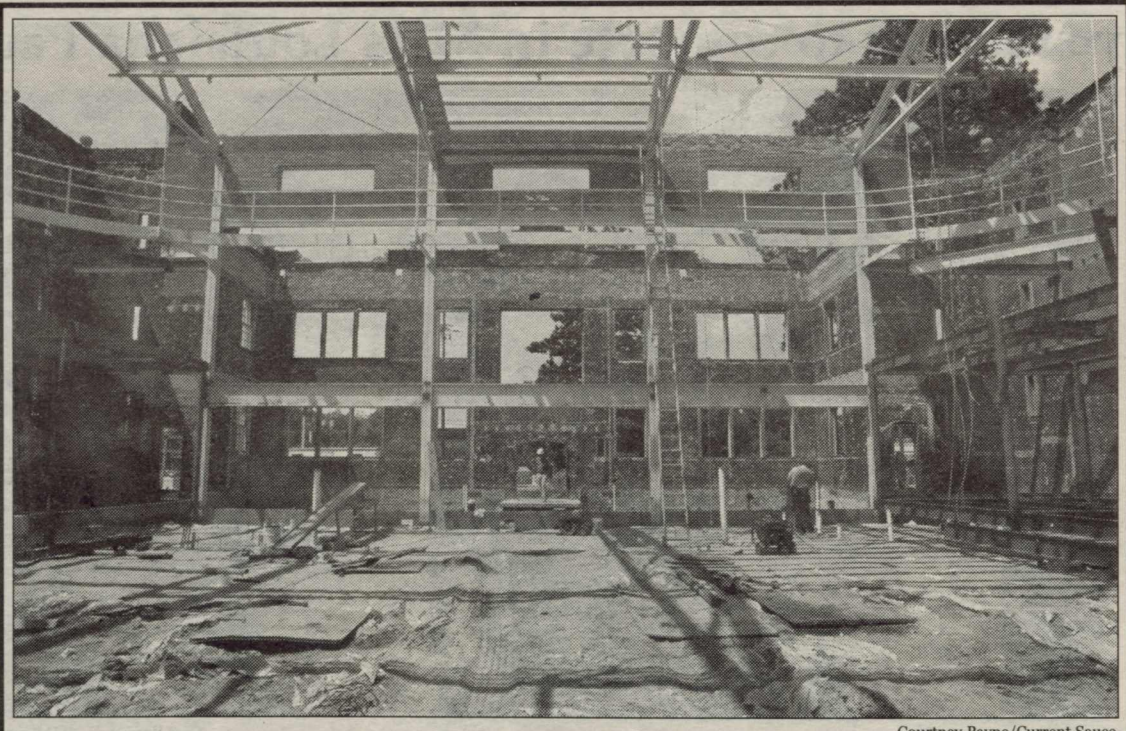
At friday's press conference, Roberts spoke of the difference between a good team and a good football program.

"Good teams will come along because of a school's ability to recruit and because of its resources," Roberts said. "A good program is measured by its ability to retain its players, and that's what we want to do here."

Roberts, a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, was a four-time letter-winner at OBU, playing tight end, free safety, strong safety and running back.

A first team academic All-American and Cum Laude graduate of mathematics and physical education, Roberts also talked about the importants of education and, more importantly, to give an effort in the classroom.

"You may not be able pass with honors, but you can turn in your calculus homework," Roberts said.



Courtney Payne/Current Sauce

A fire that broke out on May 24 in the women's old gym has not slowed renovations as workers continue about their chores.

Fire does little damage to women's old gym

By Josh Green
Sauce Reporter

University officials say that the continuing renovations of Lee H. Nelson Hall were in no way halted by a small fire which broke out on May 24.

Physical plant officials say that the small blaze, not spotted until the early evening hours, was prompted earlier in the day when combustible comburent material in the rear of the building's frame caught fire.

This is the second fire to plague the oldest building on campus within five years. The former women's gymnasium was nearly destroyed by a major fire in November of 1997. That incident was responsible for gutting the interior of the building and destroying the roof.

Westerchil Construction Co. of Alexandria resumed work on the building in January of this year. The company will be responsible for a complete renovation of Nelson Hall.

When those renovations are complete, the building will be the new home for the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training. Then, the building will have the capacity for three laboratories, a lecture hall, a considerably large library, and accommodations to fit a number of private and open offices into the premises.

The complete renovation of Lee H. Nelson Hall is estimated to cost approximately $2.5 million. Westerchil Construction expects the project to be completed by January of next year.

The historic hall, placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984, has sat empty since 1970.

ACCREDITATION: Officials happy with program accomplishments

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programs in art and graphic communications and master's degree program in studio art are part of the Mrs. H.D. Dear Sr. and Alice E. Dear Department of Creative and Performing Arts. The department is one of the university's Unique Areas of Excellence approved by the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors.

"Gaining accreditation shows that our programs are recognized at a national level," said Bill Brent, head of the Department of Creative and Performing Arts. "We hope this achievement will further enhance our designation as a Unique Area of Excellence. It shows the quality of the faculty and students in the program and illustrates the support for the arts shown by the administration at Northwestern."

Brent and Bryant credited Webb, Vice President for Academic Affairs Thomas A. Burns, Executive Assistant to the President Robert Crew and Dean of Liberal Arts Don Hatley for playing a major role in helping the programs gain accreditation.

SESSION: New situation has left University officials with few options

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well as all other state schools are going to be unable to implement what Pierce feels to be a crucial tuition increase.

"Where this hurts us is that we desperately need a tuition increase," he said. "All of us are underfunded.We've got to have more money and we're not getting it from the state so our only course of action is to increase tuition. We're only at 62% of the average of the southern states."

If the item does pass and LSUA is made into a four-year school then Pierce and other University officials are afraid that other schools in the state will suffer further from underfunding.

"When we cant properly fund the schools we already have it's hard to go and add more.," Pierce said. "All they are doing with this is taking a pie and slicing it thinner. Its going to be a thinner slice for all of us."

Supporters of the bill feel that the Alexandria area is in need of a four year university and is long over due.

"That part of the state is the only area of the state that doesn't have a four-year university," Terry Ryder, deputy chief of staff for Gov. Foster said. "I won't use the word disingenuous, but for people to say that the Alexandria doesn't need one or that they have access elsewhere, that's just not the case."

Northwestern State University President Randall J. Webb said that Louisiana already has more four year institutions per capita than the national average and that people seeking education in the Alexandria area have many options to choose from.

"The point about Alexandria is they can get four year degrees their," he said. "We offer six baccealuarreate degrees and two graduate degrees down there and the LSU Baton Rouge Senior College on LSUA's campus has three. So, we feel that the area is well served already and we are willing to do more."

Webb, Pierce and other NSU officials remain adamant that they will continue to fight the LSUA cause for as long as need be. This latest development, however, has diminished spirits to a certain degree.

"When LSUA is tied to tuition I'm not sure how much we can oppose it," Pierce said. "Its a whole different fight."

For a complete list of all the items to be discussed go to www.gov.state.la.us.

The State

New trial granted to man in alleged raping

MANY, La. (AP) - A judge has ordered a new trial for a man convicted April 6 of raping a 6-year-old girl.

Winfred Hiram Vines, 45, also has been freed from the Sabine Parish Detention Center on a $10,000 bond set by District Judge Charles Adams, who called the conviction an ``injustice.'' Vines, who had faced a life sentence, was released Thursday.

District Attorney Don Burkett says he is reviewing Adams' decision to see if it can be appealed.

``Although I respect his decision, there are factual errors in his written ruling,'' Burkett said. ``I believed then and I still do today the evidence supported the conviction and the jury's decision was correct.''

A jury voted 11-1 to convict Vines after hearing testimony offered by the now 8-year-old victim, an Office of Community Services investigator, an examining pediatrician and the friend of the child's mother to whom the child initially reported the assault.

The child testified in court that the offense occurred after she decided to take a daytime nap with Vines. The state's medical expert said sexual penetration occurred. The defense's expert witness called that conclusion absurd.

In his ruling, Adams criticized the state's tactics. Prosecutors initially gave notice that they would introduce evidence of other rapes by Vines, but never produced a witness.

``This court is concerned that the motion to introduce evidence of other crimes was a ploy to influence this court without having admissible proof of such crimes,'' Adams wrote. ``Nonetheless, the mere accusation of other similar criminal behavior is a serious concern.''

Burkett says a last-minute decision was made not to use the other witness because of concerns about her emotional well-being.

Burkett also noted that the medical doctor who testified for the defense is the employer of Vines' current wife.

Ad gets attention, not many sales

NATCHITOCHES, La. (AP) A car dealership's pro-gun advertising was praised by gun advocates but spurred few sales.

Tommy Stewart, owner of a Chevrolet dealership, ran an ad that read, ``Guns Allowed? You Bet!'' and offered $100 off vehicles for National Rifle Association members.

NRA representatives liked the ad and called him. Stewart, who was not an NRA member, joined the gun group and now offers the discount to people who sign up to the NRA on the spot.

He also made a guest appearance on the Ken Hamblin Talk Show, a national radio talk show.

``What you did was truly gallant, sir,'' Hamblin told Stewart.

A short article about Stewart appeared in the June issue of the magazine ``American Rifleman.''

The ad also prompted letters and phone calls from across the country.

But sales are not much better for Stewart. Only a few people are taking him up on the offer, which runs through the Fourth of July.

Exchange student deported due to firearm

ALEXANDRIA, La. (AP) _ An exchange student who admitted taking a stolen gun to school has been deported to Denmark.

Because Morten Thrysoe, 17, of Aarhus (OHR'-hoos), waived his deportation hearing and is a minor, the Immigration and Naturalization Service was able to turn him over to his father's custody, attorney Phyllis Mann said.

She said the Thrysoes left on a Saturday morning flight to Copenhagen via Memphis, St. Paul and Iceland, with arrival scheduled Sunday.

Thrysoe (TROO'-ser) had been jailed in Alexandria, a city of 50,000 about 170 miles west-northwest of New Orleans, since his arrest May 19 at Alexandria Senior High.

Unless he returns to testify against his host and another youth charged in a series of burglaries and car break-ins, Thrysoe cannot return to Louisiana, or, for at least 10
years, to the United States.

Since he now has two felony convictions, the INS could keep him out for life, Mann said.

Thrysoe pleaded guilty on Thursday to possessing a firearm on school property and to illegal possession of stolen goods worth more than $500. On Wednesday and Thursday, he testified in court hearings against Ryan Lee Green, at whose house he stayed, and Shaun Aaron Delcambre, both 17.

Thrysoe's father apologized profusely in court Friday, Assistant District Attorney Tom Walsh said. ``He's like most fathers of defendants. They blame themselves for their son's behavior.''

Mann agreed: ``It's been a nightmare for his family. His family was so distraught and disappointed.''

Authorities in Denmark have agreed to make sure that Thrysoe carries out 200 hours of community service and a 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew ordered as part of his two-year probation, Mann said.

State District Judge Alfred Mansour also ordered Thrysoe to pay $1,171 in fines and court costs.

Thrysoe agreed to return to testify against Green, who was arrested on three counts of burglary, and Delcambre, the alleged ringleader, who was booked with 10 counts of burglary and seven of criminal property damage.

If he returns as a witness, he probably would be in INS custody, Mann said.

Thrysoe testified that the three youths would sneak out after midnight and walk their neighborhood, checking for unlocked cars. Most of the burglaries were from vehicles, though two houses and one convenience store also were broken into.

Thrysoe's testimony was recorded, so it can be used in the trial if Thrysoe does not return, Walsh said.

He said that instead of arresting Thrysoe for some of the burglaries, he used him as a witness _ but he was not willing to let him walk off unpunished.

Grambling's response presented in Baton Rouge

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) _ The president of Grambling State University received a scolding but was given a bit of a reprieve when the University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors took under advisement his thick report of improvements the university will make in response to a scathing report.

Steve Favors and his staff on Monday outlined for the board several moves the university has made or will make to improve accounting problems that lead to incomplete records, errors and omissions in cash receipts and a lack of bank reconciliations.

At the end of the four-hour meeting, the board agreed to take Favors' report under advisement and planned to discuss it, along with the board's next steps in the matter, at the board's June 23 meeting. Before adjourning, board chairman Andre Coudrain took a few minutes to address Favors.

``Dr. Favors, when you accepted the appointment of this board as president, you accepted the responsibility for resolution of these matters, even those that predated your tenure, as well as those that have surfaced,'' Coudrain said. ``Very simply, as president you are the person ultimately responsible for the conduct of all affairs at Grambling State University.''

``This situation is simply not acceptable, not at Grambling and not at any campus in our system,'' Coudrain said.

After Kyle's report, the board gave Favors two weeks to submit a plan to correct problems found in the audit and take steps to create a better fiscal environment at the university.

The Nation

Second Alabama shark attack reported in one week

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) - A shark damaged a 22-foot pleasure craft in Pensacola Bay, the second attack in Gulf Coast waters in less than a week, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

No one was injured in the attack Tuesday, which took place 25 miles east of Gulf Shores, where two swimmers were attacked by a bull shark Friday, Coast Guard spokesman Charles Clark said.

The Pensacola, Fla.-area boaters, whom the Coast Guard did not identify, saw a large shadow in the water at about 2:30 p.m. as they were sailing west of Pensacola Beach, Clark said in Wednesday's editions of the Mobile Register.

The boaters said that as they moved closer, the shadow looked like an 8-foot bull shark, he said. The shark apparently lunged at the rear of the hull, ripping its rear swim platform.

Two men were injured in Friday's attack - Alabama's first confirmed shark attack in 25 years - prompting officials to shut down a 30-mile stretch of land at the height of tourist season until lunchtime Saturday.

Chuck Anderson, 44, lost his right arm above the elbow. Richard Watley, 55, was bitten on his right hip and right arm.

Gulf Islands National Seashore Ranger John Bandurski said the beach would remain open despite Tuesday's incident.

Court asked to shut down Napster

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - The recording industry has asked a federal court judge for a preliminary injunction to shut down Napster as part of its lawsuit against the popular Internet song-sharing service.

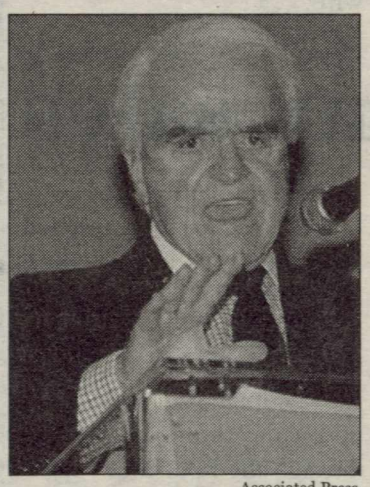
The Recording Industry Association of America filed a brief Monday asking U.S. District Judge Marilyn Hall Patel to grant the injunction preventing Napster from ``facilitating or assisting others in, the copying, downloading, uploading, transmission or distribution of copyrighted musical works.''

The request was bolstered by declarations filed by Motion Picture Association of America president Jack

Valenti and MP3.com CEO Michael Robertson. Robertson supported the recording industry's claim that

San Mateo, Calif.-based Napster's music-swapping service was a breeding ground for widespread copyright infringement.

``If Napster can encourage and facilitate the distribution of pirated sound recordings, then what's to stop it from doing the same to movies, software, books, magazines, newspapers, television, photographs or video games?'' Valenti said in his



Associated Press

The request to shut down Napster was bolstered by declarations filed by Motion Picture Association of America president Jack Valenti, above, and MP3.com CEO Michael Robertson.

declaration.

While Napster's central servers can be ordered offline by the court, distributed network file-sharing systems communicate user-to-user It would require hundreds of thousands of injunctions to halt the widespread trade of content online.

The RIAA sued Napster in December for copyright infringement and related state law violations, asserting that Napster encouraged music piracy via the Internet through its software and computer servers.

Patel ruled May 9 that Napster was not entitled to ``safe harbor'' as defined by the Digital Millennium Copyright Act because the company ``does not transmit, route or provide connections for allegedly infringing material through its system.''

That provision of the act was crafted to protect Internet service providers such America Online and Earthlink from the illegal actions of their users.

A curious new ally in the battle against Napster is Robertson, who last week settled with major recording labels which sought to halt his company's ``Instant Listening Service.''

That feature of MP3.com allowed users to purchase CDs via the Web site and listen to them online before they were physically delivered to the buyer. The recording industry cried foul, subsequently settled with MP3.com and entered into a new licensing agreement to allow the service.

Robertson is now concerned that the work of his Web site's fledgling artists are being given away through Napster.

``Any such distribution would cause potential detriment to both MP3.com and the artists who upload their music to the Web site,'' Robertson said in his declaration.

Calls placed by The AP to Napster were not immediately returned.



Associated Press

Rev. James Merritt and wife Teresa applaud a presentation Tuesday after the Southern Baptist Convention elected Merritt as its president at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Fla.

Southern Baptists say 'no' to women

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - The Southern Baptist Convention approved today a revised Faith and Message statement that says women should not serve as pastors and contains new wording condemning abortion and homosexuality.

``While men and women are gifted ... the office of pastor is limited to men by Scripture,'' said the Rev. Adrian Rogers of Memphis, Tenn, chairman of the drafting committee.

The vote was by a show of hands, so there was no formal count.

The statement does not address whether women should be ordained; it addresses only their role as pastors, who lead congregations. The statement also does not say what should happen to the 1,600 or so Southern Baptist clergywomen, about 100 of whom are leading congregations. The denomination has 15.9 million members.

However, the statement is not binding on individual Southern Baptists, and the denomination's 41,000 local congregations would remain free to ordain women and hire them as pastors.

Women attending a meeting of pastors' wives Tuesday afternoon overwhelmingly supported the statement.

``I don't feel like it's biblical for a woman to be a p astor,'' said Melissa Folds, a pastor's wife from Trenton, Fla.

But Margaret Davis, a pastor's wife from Newport News, Va., was a rare voice of dissent: ``I believe if God calls you to pastor, it doesn't matter if you're a man or woman. My husband disagrees.''

Other proposed changes in the church statement underscore that the Bible is ``totally true'' and that God is ``all-powerful and all-knowing,'' and insist that ``there is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.''

The statement also urges Christians to oppose racism and reject abortion and homosexuality.

Outside the convention, 100 or so gay and lesbian protesters marched toward the convention center carrying signs that said, ``Stop Spiritual Violence.'' More than two dozen protesters were arrested, accused of illegal assembly.

The Rev. Ed Harris, 65, a retired Southern Baptist pastor who acknowledged his homosexuality in the 1990s, was the first to be arrested.

The World

North, South Korean leaders hold historic meeting

Summit between leaders reports progress



Associated Press

North Korean leader Kim Jong-Il, left, and South Korean President Kim Dae-jung shake hands as Kim Dae-jung arrives at Sunan International Airport in Pyongyangon Tuesday. The meeting of the leaders begins an historic three-day summit between the two halves of the Korean peninsula.

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - The leaders of North and South Korea reported significant progress during their historic summit Wednesday, pledging to work toward reuniting thousands of families separated by the Korean War, provide investment for the North's failing economy, and eventually reunify the peninsula.

However, they released no details on those and other issues, including the presence of 37,000 U.S. troops in South Korea, which the North wants removed, and the North's nuclear and missile programs. Reunification itself is an enormous task that some observers say could take decades.

The announcement came during more than three hours of discussions between South Korean President Kim Dae-jung and North Korean leader Kim Jong Il at a government guesthouse in Pyongyang, the North Korean capital.

``Both sides have developed an understanding on all issues,'' said Park Sun-sook, a spokeswoman traveling with President Kim in North Korea.

``A narrowing down of differences on all issues has been noted,'' said a South Korean official in Seoul, Yang Yong-shik, who described the talks as frank and friendly.

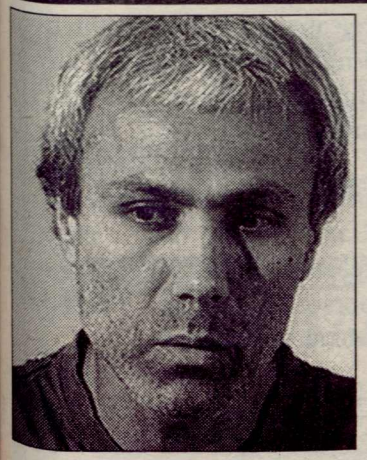
No formal agreements were reported as the Kims continued their meetings, but officials said they would sign a deal later Wednesday on four issues: improving social and economic cooperation between the two countries, including investment by South Korean companies in the impoverished North; easing tensions on the peninsula, which is divided by the world's most heavily armed border; taking steps to reunify tens of thousands of separated families; eventually reunifying the two countries.

Such an agreement would be more detailed than others that were reached by lower-ranking officials from the two countries in 1972 and 1991. Those deals, which also called for reconciliation and eventual reunification, quickly gave way to renewed hostilities.

The summit was covered by about 50 South Korean reporters who traveled to Pyongyang and were filing print and television pool reports to the hundreds of foreign reporters who had to remain behind in Seoul, 120 miles to the south.

Pope gunman pardoned in Italy, arrested in Turkey

Man arrested one day after release



Associated Press

Mehmet Ali Agca, the Turkish gunman who shot Pope John Paul II in 1981. Agca was pardoned Tuesday in Italy, but arrested Wednesday by Turkish authorities for the murder of a newspaper editor.

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) The gunman who shot Pope John Paul II was imprisoned Wednesday in Turkey to finish serving a 10-year prison sentence for assassinating a newspaper editor.

Italy pardoned Mehmet Ali Agca on Tuesday after he served almost 20 years in prison for the 1981 attempted assassination of John Paul II in St. Peter's Square.

Agca arrived at Istanbul's Ataturk International Airport, escorted by a team of Turkish security agents. He was immediately questioned by authorities and brought to Istanbul's maximum-security Kartal prison, where he is being held in solitary confinement, Turkish Justice Minister Hikmet Sami Turk said.

Agca escaped from that prison in 1979 and later went to Europe and shot the pope.

At Kartal, Agca will serve his 10-year sentence for the 1979 assassination o newspaper editor Abdi Ipekci, minus the 158 days that he was in prison in Turkey before escaping to Europe, Turk said.

Prosecutors were also expected to arraign Agca on charges related to a 1979 robbery. ``He will serve his term and be tried for the other crime,'' Turk said.

Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit welcomed Agca's extradition.

``The lifting of a secret curtain over the Abdi Ipekci murder could shed light on the dark pages of recent history,'' Ecevit said.

Agca's extradition leaves many questions unresolved.

Agca at first said that he acted alone in shooting the pope, but later said that the Bulgarian secret service and the KGB were behind the attack.

Similarly, there are mysteries surrounding the shooting of Ipekci. Agca confessed to killing the left-wing newspaper editor but later retracted his statements. Ipekci was shot nine times by Agca and a second gunman, who remains unidentified.

NSU theatre program performs "Annie Get Your Gun" during June

Theatre students go all out for production.

The NSU Summer Dinner Theatre will present the musical "Annie Get Your Gun" June 21-25 and 27-30 in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. with show time at 8 p.m. Tickets are $15 which includes dinner. Dr. Jack Wann is the director.

Music for "Annie Get Your Gun" was written by Irving Berlin. The play is acclaimed by critics as one of the best Broadway musicals ever performed.

Jena Westbrook of Broken Bow, Okla., will play Annie Oakley, and Clayton Chauvin of Abbeville will play Frank Butler. Chauvin, a Northwestern alumnus, is a graduate student in the theatre program at Nevada ? Las Vegas.

The cast also includes James Palmer of Mansfield as Buffalo Bill, Dale Higginbotham of Natchitoches as Charlie Davenport, Annie Fackler of Natchitoches as Dolly Tate, Rebecca Brettel of New Orleans as Winnie Tate, Josh Powell of Fort Smith, Ark., as Tom Cody Keeler and Stephen Cooper of Lake Charles as Mac.

Also in the cast are Kendrick Hudson of Shreveport as Sitting Bull, Erica Durr of Natchitoches as Jessie and D'Nea Tyler of Natchitoches as Minnie and Aaron Durr of Natchitoches as L'il Jake. Hannah McDonald and Haley Warrick will share the role of Nellie.

Playing multiple parts in the play are Tony Blanco of New Iberia as Mr. Wilson and Pawnee Bill, John Snow of Gloster as George, the Messenger and Dr. Henderson, Rocky Colavito of Natchitoches as Dusty and Mr. Schuyler Adams, Robin Rose of Natchitoches as Violet, a featured dancer and the pest and Jennifer Kegerreis of Alexandria as Betsy, a featured dancer and the flirt.

Other cast members with multiple roles are Missy Bizzell of Natchitoches as Ruby, the vamp and Mrs. Potter-Porter, Caroline Bolter of Baton Rouge as Candy, The Goof and Mrs. Schuyler-Adams, Laurel Night of Natchitoches as Mrs. Little Horse and a party guest and Katherine Harper of Natchitoches as Mrs. Black Tooth and a party guest.

"Annie Get Your Gun" is the story of expert shooter Annie Oakley, who went from a backwoods girl to shooting star and fell in love with marksman Frank Butler along the way.

"Practically every song is a standard," said Wann. "Someone once asked composer Jerome Kern what Irving Berlin's place was in American musical theatre. Kern said that Berlin did not have a place in American musical theatre. He was American musical theatre."

Wann said he is excited to direct "Annie Get Your Gun" at NSU and has definite ideas about how to present the musical.

"We will set out to portray Annie as naïve and innocent, but not ignorant," said Wann. "There are some interesting issues in the play including how Annie befriended Sitting Bull. She was a champion of the underdog. Annie believed women could do anything a man could do and she sings it."

For ticket information, call (318) 357-6891.



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Another "Smashing" album

By Kaleb Breaux
News Editor

The Chicago based band formerly known as The Smashing Pumpkins have once again surprised their listeners with their latest album Machina / the machines of God.

After many changes in the band in 1999, The Smashing Pumpkins released this 15-track album on February 29th of this year. Former drummer Jimmy Chamberlin, who had left the band in 1995, rejoined with his band members to cut this last album.

However, Chamberlin was not the newest member of Smashing Pumpkins. Former Hole bassist Melissa Auf Der Maur joined the band during their world tour in October of 1999 after former bassist D'Arcy Wretzky departed in September.

These new band members are not the only things that have changed. The Smashing Pumpkins' new sound is quite breathtaking. With a mix of heavy metal and techno, the new album is sure to satisfy the taste of any "Pumpkins" fan.

The new album Machina / the machines of God was released on February 29th by Virgin Records, and was produced by Flood and lead singer Billy Corgan.

The tracks on the album include "The Everlasting Gaze", the only single released as of yet, and my personal favorite, "Heavy Metal Machine".

Lead singer Billy Corgan announced on May 23 that the band would be breaking up at the end of the year due to sagging record sells and an unwillingness to continue "fighting the good fight against the Brittneys of the world."



The Smashing Pumpkins

Camp Discovery gives kids glimpse into astronaut life

By Josh Green
Sauce Reporter

Faculty and staff of the university's Space Science group are gearing up for the annual Camp Discovery.

This year the program, under new director Dink Rigsby, will be held six times on campus.

The first session of the camp kicked off this week and will run through Thursday.

Campers are invited to attend the five-day program to gain valuable insight in the fields of math and science.

Instructors at Camp Discovery say that teaching sessions are different because they are not in the typical classroom setting.

One instructor said that students at camp discovery get "hands-on" experience in life-like simulators.

The simulators, designed by Assistant Professor of Science Laura Ponder, take campers through missions in shuttles, space stations, and mission control headquarters. During other sessions, campers will learn more about robotics, while building and programming working robots, to how an astronaut lives in space.

Camp Discovery also allows university students to get involved as camp counselors. Their purpose is to monitor dormitory halls and to interact with camp participants. Many are members of the science department and JOVE space science research program and were selected on grounds of their outstanding GPAs.

Many parents allow their children to go through the program to not only promote the education of math and science in their school-age children, but to gain "valuable social skills that will aid them throughout life."

"The camp offers so much as far as teaching kids to work as an individual and with a group," said Brian Nuss, a father of two sons who have attended the camp for over five years. Son Robert agrees: "I've been going to Camp Discovery for over two years. . . every year I come home with more and more friends."



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"Gone in 60 Seconds" is good, loud summer fun

Associated Press

The credits for ``Gone in 60 Seconds'' list 63 stunt persons, which tells you what you're in for in this vague remake of the 1974 cult classic. Car chases. Car crashes. Car explosions.

Sixty seconds is all that expert car ``boosters'' require to steal an automobile.

Memphis Raines (Nicolas Cage) is the king of all L.A. boosters, except that he has abdicated and is now running miniature car races for small fry in the remote

Owens Valley. He is hauled back to the city because his wayward brother Kip (Giovanni Ribisi) is in a whole mess of trouble.

Memphis arrives just in time to prevent Kip's demise in a car crusher machine. Kip has engendered the enmity of a vicious Brit, Raymond Calitri (Christopher Eccleston), who ships stolen cars overseas. Calitri agrees to spare Kip's life - if Memphis can deliver 50 collector-quality automobiles in three days.

The task seems impossible, but Memphis must undertake it to save his brother. He rounds up his former colleagues in car thievery, most of them retired. Among them: ``Sway'' Wayland (Angelina Jolie), his former lover and a whiz at getaway driving. And Otto Halliwell (Robert Duvall), now running a legitimate auto restoration business. Halliwell becomes the master of logistics for the massive heist.

Besides dealing with the murderous Calitri, Memphis faces the scrutiny of detective Castlebeck (Delroy Lindo), who knows him from his larcenous past.

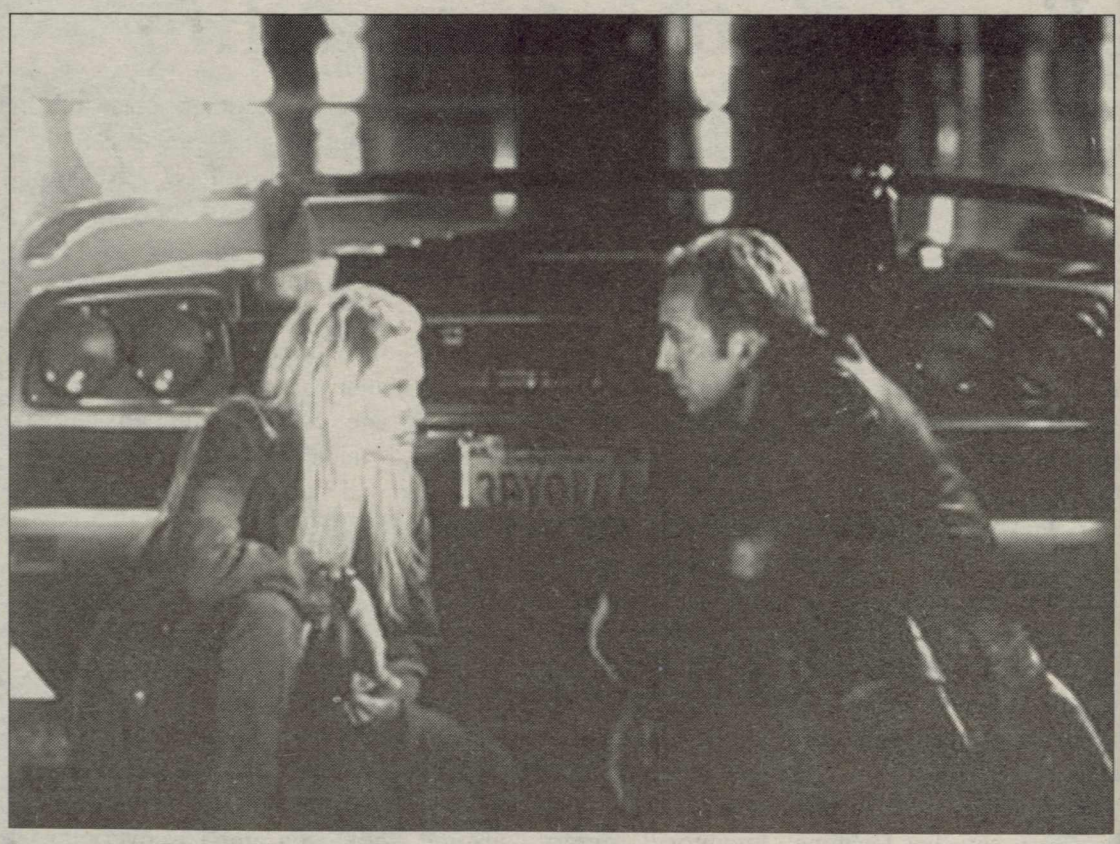
After organizing the team and locating the cars, Memphis is faced with just a single night in which to achieve his goal. The team goes about it like the L.A. Lakers on a quest for the title, with cheers and high fives greeting each victory. Of course the audience is pulling for them too, no matter that these are crooks stealing automobiles worth hundreds of thousands of dollars. They manage to do so despite being trailed by detectives Castlebeck and Drycoff (Timothy Olyphant), two of the most ineffectual cops since ``Car 54, Where Are You?''

This being a Jerry Bruckheimer movie, you can expect quick cuts, deafening sound effects, wild chases and a formidable music track. The centerpiece is a race by Memphis in a prize 1967 Shelby Mustang GT 500 through the downtown Los Angeles and Long Beach harbor areas. At one point, Memphis ascends a tow truck's raised ramp and flies over an accident scene that is blocking traffic on a suspension bridge.

Dominic Sena, a graduate of music videos, directs the mayhem with total professionalism if scant subtlety. The screenplay by Scott Rosenberg, which bears little resemblance to the original, attempts some character development but basically serves to fill the gaps between stunts. You could race a Shelby Mustang backwards through some of the holes in the contrived plot.

Academy Award-winner Cage exercises little of his acting muscle. Yet he fits neatly into the action genre, lending credence to the violent goings-on, as does the ever reliable, Oscar-winning Duvall. Jolie, another Oscar winner, has little to do in this picture but act sexy. It's the stunt people who do the heavy lifting.

The Touchstone Pictures release (Disney) was produced by Bruckheimer and Mike Stenson.



Associated Press

Angelina Jolie, left, and Nicolas Cage appear in a scene from the Touchstone Pictures action thriller "Gone in Sixty Seconds." Cage plays Randall 'Memphis' Raines, a retired car thief of legendary proportion that is forced back into his old ways to save his kid brother.

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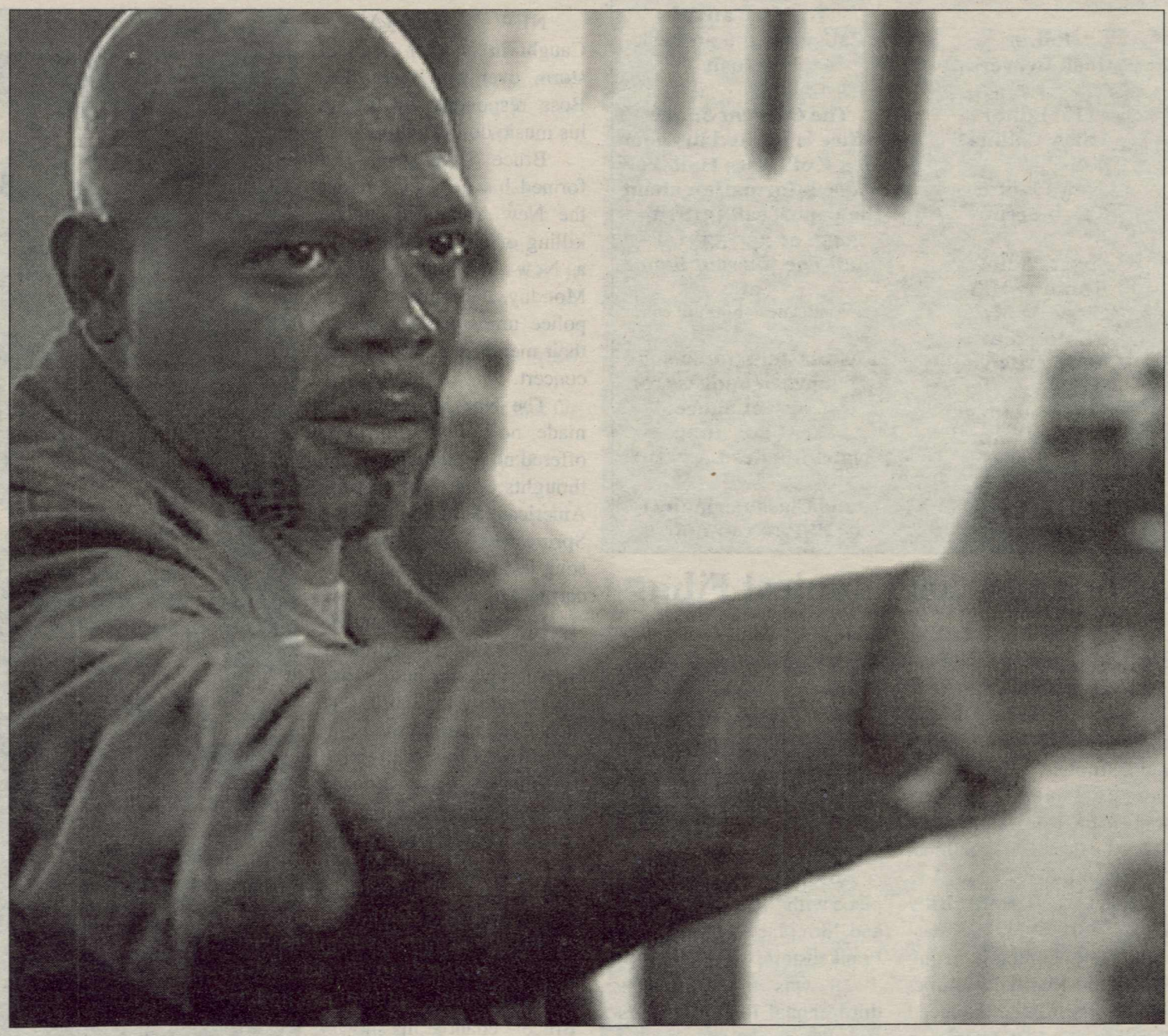
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Roundtree or Jackson, Shaft is still the man

Samuel L. Jackson stars in "Shaft" a high budget remake of the 70s classic



Associated Press

Samuel L. Jackson stars as John Shaft in the remake of the 1970s hit "Shaft." This sure-fire summer hit opens this Friday at theatres across the nation.

Associated Press

Take one 1970s cultural icon, a funky, Oscar-winning anthem, add a meager dose of story and broil the mix in attitude, and out pops ``Shaft,'' a slight but entertaining update of that cat who just won't cop out when danger's all about.

The movie mainly is a showcase for Samuel L. Jackson to wisecrack, glower and otherwise play ultra-cool as New York City police detective John Shaft, nephew of the original private eye (Richard Roundtree, who reprises his role as Jackson's uncle).

At the outset, Shaft the younger shows just how smart he is - and how dumb everyone else is - when he arrives outside a bar where a black man lies dying on the sidewalk after a brutal assault. Shaft enters the bar, which is full of cops casing the joint for witnesses, and with a couple of quick glances singles out the key witness and fingers the killer.

It doesn't hurt that the witness has blood on her face and the killer has blood on his hands. Shaft 2, everybody else 0.

Both the killer, pampered and prejudiced Walter Wade Jr. (Christian Bale, in full ``American Psycho'' mode), and the witness, a meek waitress played by Toni Collette, go on the lam.

Two years later, Shaft catches up with Wade but must find the waitress to send the murderer to the big house. Wade, meanwhile, hooks up with Dominican druglord Peoples Hernandez (Jeffrey Wright) to whack the waitress, and the race is on over who gets to her first.

Without giving away the answer, did we mention how cool and smart Shaft is, and how dumb everyone else is?

Along the way, Shaft quits the force in disgust, deciding his uncle is right, that he can best serve justice from outside the system. His foes think that without his badge, Shaft has been emasculated. Yeah, right.

``Do you think that makes me less dangerous or more dangerous?'' Shaft asks a group of bad guys, a sign of the frenzied, borderline vigilantism to come as Shaft leaves a big pile of bodies in his wake.

Jackson is ideally cast, infusing Shaft with fury, humor, compassion, wile. Whatever a situation requires, Shaft is up for it.

Bale has his moments, though he's really just stuck in the role of a one-dimensional bigot whose motivation for murder never gels, other than to give Shaft a case to pursue. Wright shows some charm and charisma early on but ultimately becomes just another tough who gets in Shaft's way.

Busta Rhymes offers comic relief as Shaft's man Friday, and Vanessa Williams plays things tough and straight as the detective's loyal cop buddy.

You'd expect a little romance between Jackson and Williams, but other than brief, obscure clips during the opening credits and some suggestive banter, the raw sexuality of the original ``Shaft'' is missing here.

Also missing, at times, is a sense of logic and continuity. At one point, Peoples orders two corrupt cops to follow Shaft, after the detective has sped off and is long out of sight. Cut to the cops, parked up the street from an apartment where Shaft and his helpers have taken refuge. If only the good cops had such acute radar.

The action is propelled by Isaac Hayes' classic theme song and a retro-'70s score, but the movie really just appends a thin, none-too-credible plot to a well-defined persona of machismo.

And maybe that's enough. After all, director John Singleton is not remaking ``The Maltese Falcon,'' here.

You don't want to over-analyze this pleasant-enough action flick the way its predecessor was over-intellectualized as a vanguard of ``blaxploitation'' movies, when in truth the first ``Shaft'' was just a decent, gritty detective story.

``Shaft,'' then and now, is more about the man than the movie. And as the man, Jackson delivers well enough.

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AFI names 100 Funniest Films

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Something about men in women's clothing obviously tickles people's funny bones: ``Some Like It Hot'' and ``Tootsie'' came in at Nos. 1 and 2 on the American Film Institute's list of the 100 funniest American movies.

``Some Like It Hot,'' Billy Wilder's 1959 classic starring Jack Lemmon, Tony Curtis and Marilyn Monroe, topped the list announced Tuesday on a CBS television special. Lemmon and Curtis play musicians who witness a mob massacre and dress up as women to hide out with an all-girl band.

Sydney Pollack's ``Tootsie,'' starring Dustin Hoffman as a down-and-out actor who finds soap-opera success masquerading as a woman, came in second, as determined by about 1,800 actors, directors, studio executives, critics and others in the movie industry.

Voters chose their funniest movies from a list of 500 nominees compiled by the institute.

The rest of the top 10, in order, were: Stanley Kubrick's ``Dr. Strangelove,'' Woody Allen's ``Annie Hall,'' the Marx Brothers' ``Duck Soup,'' Mel Brooks' ``Blazing Saddles,'' Robert Altman's ``M A S H,'' Frank Capra's ``It Happened One Night,'' Mike Nichols' ``The Graduate'' and Jim Abrahams, David Zucker and Jerry Zucker's ``Airplane!''

Brooks also had 11th place with ``The Producers'' and 13th place with ``Young Frankenstein.''

It was the institute's third annual list. Two years ago, the group released the 100 best American films, topped by ``Citizen Kane,'' and last year the institute ranked the top 50 screen legends, led by Humphrey Bogart and Katharine Hepburn.

``This time out, funny films leapt to the fore,'' said Bob Gazzale, producer of the institute's TV special. ``These films make us laugh, they got us through the Great Depression, but they really haven't gotten the recognition they deserve.''

Allen was the director with the most films included, with ``Annie Hall'' and four others: ``Manhattan'' at No. 46, ``Take the Money and Run'' at No. 66,'' ``Bananas'' at No. 69 and ``Sleeper'' at No. 80.

NY cheers Springsteen's Diallo song

NEW YORK (AP) - Caught in another political storm over his lyrics, The Boss responded by letting his music do the talking.

Bruce Springsteen performed his new song about the New York City police killing of Amadou Diallo to a New York City crowd Monday, despite angry police union leaders urging their members to boycott his concert.

The New Jersey rocker made no introduction and offered no explanation of his thoughts on the song, American Skin (41 Shots). Springsteen introduced the song last week during a concert in Atlanta.

E Street Band members began the song by approaching microphones one by one and repeating the words "41 shots," referring to the number of times four white officers shot at Diallo, a black West African immigrant.

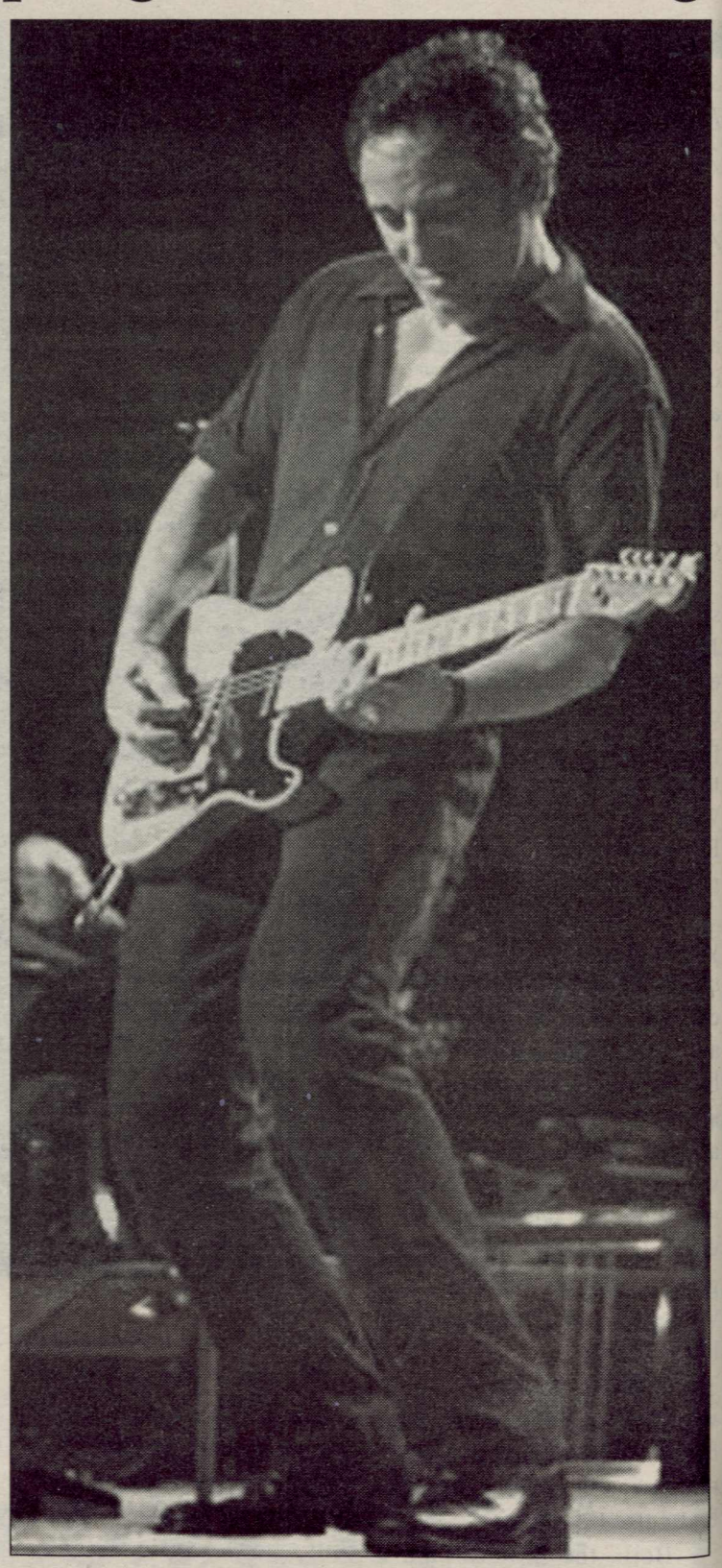
The crowd began cheering in recognition of the song and interrupted Springsteen's singing with cheers several times. It was difficult to distinguish any boos from the traditional "Bruce!" chant at his shows.

"Is this your wallet? Is this your life?" the unrecorded and unreleased song goes, referring to Diallo's wallet, which police mistook for a gun. "You can get killed just for living in your American skin."

One heckler was escorted from Madison Square Garden after he approached the stage and flashed obscene hand gestures at Springsteen during the song.

Diallo, 22, was mortally wounded as he stood in the vestibule of his Bronx home on Feb. 4, 1999. The four officers involved in the shooting were acquitted of murder earlier this year.

Diallo's parents attended the Garden concert. Kadiatou Diallo, the slain man's mother, has said she interprets the song as a sign that people cared about what happened to her son.



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The Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, which represents 27,000 city police officers, has urged its members not to attend - or work overtime security detail - Springsteen's 10-concert stand in protest.

Police Lt. Eric Adams, of 100 Blacks in Law Enforcement Who Care, said his group supports Springsteen and is upset that few black artists have used their talents to support the Diallo family.

"We commend Bruce Springsteen, and we believe that he is courageous in the position that he is taking," Adams said in a news conference before the concert.

Hi...my name is Steve, and I'm the coach

Steve Roberts gives his first interview to The Current Sauce

By Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

CS: What was your reaction when you got the call from Greg Burke saying you got the job?
SR: Sheer exuberance. My wife and I were there, of course it was 11:45 at night, and she couldn't tell what the conversation said but she could tell it was good news by my reaction.
CS: Was there a lot of jumping a screaming there?
SR: No, no, no. Our little girl was in the bed next to us so it wasn't all that loud. Of course it didn't take long for our thoughts to turn to our players and friends and people we would be leaving. It was a real rollercoaster ride of emotions.

CS: There was a lot of talk about you being the "underdog" of the group...
SR: I didn't buy into that. I didn't try to speculate one way or another. My situation was to go into this interview with a great amount of enthusiasm. They were extremely thorough-let me make sure you understand that. They left no stone unturned.
CS: Now when you say thorough, do you mean like blood test throrugh or...
SR: Oh no! When I say thorough, I mean it was obvious that they did their research.

CS: Are you an offensive-style coach or defensive-style coach.
SR: I'm a football coach!
CS: True. I guess you say anyway you score points and stop the other team from scoring is fine by you, right?
SR: You bet. If it's 3-0, we win. If it's 62-61, we win.
CS: So you don't really do the whole "defense wins championships" or "run the ball and pound it out" cliché thing, huh?
SR: All of those cliches have their place. You can't say "defense wins championships" if you don't score any points.
CS: True.

CS: When you first saw the word "Natchitoches," how did you pronounce it?
SR: Natchitoches.
CS: So you knew what it was?
SR: Yeah. Well I may not have known how to say it when I was 17 when I first came down here...
CS: Well how about when you were 17?
SR: I don't remember that far back.
CS: Well, you're only 35
SR: 35
CS: That's not that far back.
SR: That's 18 years!

CS: What would you tell a person who says a Division II coach shouldn't jump to Division I-AA in one year?
SR: We wouldn't have many Division I-AA coaches.
CS: But there will always be those who say "yeah, he went 25-6 at SAU, but this is Northwestern." What would you say to those people?
SR: I'd say they will get my best.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Press
Steve Roberts became only the eighth head football coach in NSU history last Friday. Roberts will officially take over July 1.

STEVIE "WONDER"

35 years old
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Daughter: Abby (5)


Gary Hardamon/NSU Press

College: Ouachita Baptist University
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Graduate School: Southern Arkansas
Degree: M.S.E. (1989)

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25-6 (.807)
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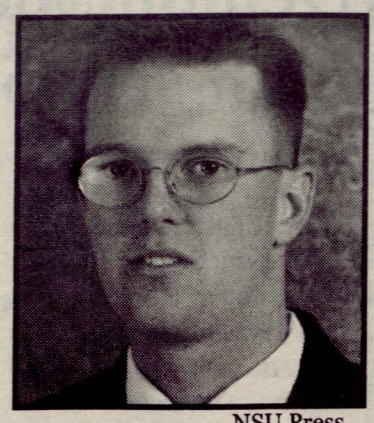
Los Angeles Dodgers draft Demon pitcher

Clifton Glidewell is the second Demon pitcher in last three years taken by L.A.

NSU SID

Northwestern State pitcher Clifton Glidewell was the taken in the 30th round of the 2000 Major League Baseball Draft by the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"We are very proud of Clifton," said NSU head coach John Cohen. "If people could see how far he has come since he's been here (at Northwestern), they would be astonished."


NSU Press
As a senior, Glidewell had a team-leading 2.85 ERA

"Our pitching coach Sean McCann has done a great job with him," adds Cohen. "Clifton has also worked very hard to get this point. He deserves this."

Glidewell, originally from Gladstone, Mo., played two seasons at NSU after transferring from Maple Woods (Mo.) CC.

As a senior, the left-hander was one of the top pitchers on the Demon staff.

Ironically, Glidewell is the second Demon southpaw in the past three seasons to be drafted by the Dodgers. In 1998, pitcher Allen Davis was selected in the 24th round by Los Angeles.

Glidewell led the Demons with a 2.85 ERA and had a 4:1 strikeout-walk ratio.

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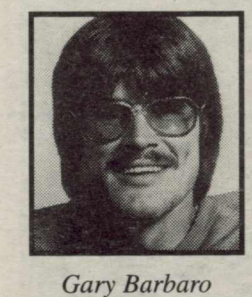
Under Head Coach John Cohen, six former Demon players have been drafted into the Major Leagues.

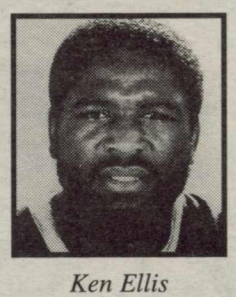
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Allen Davis	**1998**	**L.A. Dodgers**
Brian Lawrence	**1998**	**San Diego Padres**
Chris Brown	**1998**	**Chicago Cubs**
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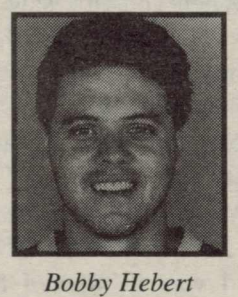
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"Cajun Cannon" Hebert among seven inductees

By Raymond Williams
Sauce Reporter

Bobby Hebert, Gary Barbaro, Ken Ellis, Kenny Konz, Jim Finks, Mike Sanders, and Mickey Patterson-Tyler will be formally inducted on June 24 in the university's Student Union Ballroom.

The Louisiana Sports Writers Association selected the seven inductees from a list of 118 nominees in 21 different categories. The 25-member committee chose each of the inductees based on criteria established by the LSWA.

Doug Ireland, director of Louisiana Hall of Fame, said eligibility is based on athletes, coaches and other sports administrators having definitive ties to the state of Louisiana. However, nonnatives who gain fame in Louisiana are also eligible.

All nominees must be inactive in their category for at least three years.

Lifetime sports athletes, such as golfers, are eligible at 50 regardless of being active. Coaches and administrators become eligible upon retirement or when they reach 65.

Ireland said a compelling argument could be made on the behalf of over half 118 nominees. However, he said that in the end, every person in the Hall of Fame deserves to be there.

Each of this year's inductees has many athletic accomplishments.

Hebert was an honorable mention All-American as a sophomore at the university.

He also served as quarterback of the New Orleans Saints while it was one of the winningest teams over a decade ago.

Barbaro started every game during his first seven seasons with Kansas City in the NFL. He tied a NFL record in 1977 with a 102-yard interception return. At Nicholls, Barbaro captured the attention of pro scouts by intercepting nine passes in his last two seasons of college ball.

Ellis made All-Pro in 1972-74 and played in the Pro Bowl in 1974-75. He played six seasons for Green Bay and played in Super Bowl XIV for the Los Angeles Rams.

Ellis played in the Senior Bowl for Southern University, leading the nation in punt returns in 1968.

Konz was LSU's MVP in 1950, playing in both the Blue Gray and Senior Bowls. He went on to play for Cleveland in the NFL.

Sanders was an All-American forward from DeRidder who went on to play for UCLA. He finished as the 15th leading scorer in the history of the program.

He went on to play for Phoenix from 1984-87 as well as three other teams.

Finks was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame posthumously and was forced to retire from the New Orleans Saints because of cancer. Finks was named the "NFL Executive of the Year" after the Saints first-ever winning season.

Patterson-Tyler won an Olympic bronze medal at the age of 22 and honored a year later as woman athlete of the year by the Amateur Athletic Union. She went on to graduate at Southern University.

"These are the kind of folks that you would like to have as friends and you would like to have as neighbors," Ireland said. "Not because they've been successful in sports, but because they're good people."

The Hall of Fame, which was founded in 1958, was given a permanent home at the university in 1972. Portraits of the inductees and memorabilia are housed in Prather Coliseum year round.

The June 22 reception at Prather Coliseum is free to the public.

"Not only does the public get a chance to take pictures and get autographs," Ireland said, "but they also have the opportunity to see the athletes as people, not gladiators."


Courtney Payne/Current Sauce

Put me in coach!
Youngsters from the Natchitoches area participated in the Demon baseball skills camp earlier this week. Demon football camp runs from June 25-28 and Demon Basketball camps start July 13 and run through the 15th.

Demon Soccer signs high school standout.

NSU News Service

Head coach Jimmy Mitchell has announced that Nikki Hernandez, a standout at Acadiana High School, will join former teammate Kathryn Latiolais and become a member of the Northwestern State soccer team.

"We think Nikki will be an asset to our team because of her athletic ability," said Mitchell. "She is a solid player right now, but she is just beginning to realize her potential."

With the addition of Hernandez, NSU now has three players on the team from the Lafayette area, including Latiolais and senior forward Holly Horn.

"We're ecstatic to have another strong player from Lafayette," added Mitchell. "That area has a strong reputation in women's soccer."

In three seasons as a defender, Hernandez led AHS to a 62-22-2 record and three appearances in the state playoffs.

DiNardo may "geaux" to McNeese

Former LSU coach could end up in Lake Charles

AP wire services

Former LSU head coach Gerry DiNardo talked with a McNeese State official late Wednesday night and said he was looking into the possibility of applying for the school's head coaching vacancy.

``Yes, I'd be interested in looking into the job opening at McNeese," DiNardo said by phone from Destin, Fla., where he was vacationing with his family.

One possibility, apparently, is that DiNardo would take the job for one year to give McNeese officials longer to settle on a head coach. The job came open Tuesday when Kirby Bruchhaus resigned after one year as head coach in the midst of a school investigation of his alleged gambling activities.

McNeese immediately named longtime assistant Tommy Tate as interim head coach.

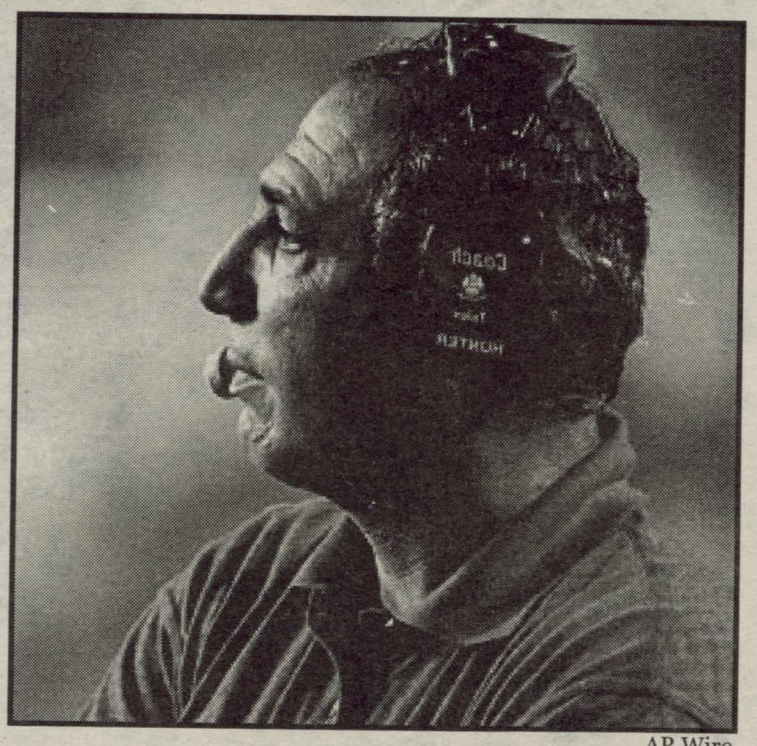
But McNeese president Dr. Robert Hebert said the school will conduct a search with the goal of naming a permanent head coach by the end of this month.

Applicants have until June 16 to apply, and Tate has already said he plans to be a candidate.

DiNardo, who has run the restaurant that bears his name in Baton Rouge full-time since his ouster at LSU last November, has had several other non-coaching opportunities but never was interested until the McNeese vacancy occurred.

``It's a good place, I think you can win there," DiNardo said. ``They've had a winning program."

DiNardo made a base salary of $150,000 per year at LSU, with a total annual package of between $700,000 and $800,000. When he was fired at LSU, the school agreed to pay DiNardo his base salary for the remaining four years left on his contract, a total of $600,000.



AP Wire

Gerry DiNardo wearing a cowbell???? According to McNeese officials, it just might happen.

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Three NSU contestants finish in Miss La. top ten

By Raymond Williams
Sauce Reporter

Northwestern State University was well represented at the recent Miss Louisiana Pageant held in Monroe as three of the five NSU representatives placed in the top 10.

Shelley Colvin, Miss Shreveport, placed as first runner-up; Sabrina Plaissance, Lady of the Bracelet, was named third runner up; and Casey Jo Crowder, Miss Holiday in Dixie, also placed in the top ten.

Lakeisha Harris, Miss Arcadiana, received a non-finalist talent award, while, Amber Rhyne, Miss NSU, did not earn an award during the competition.



Colvin



Plaisance



Crowder

Assistant Director of Student Activities, Suzanna Deshotel, said she was very pleased to see the girls do as well in the pageant. Deshotel, who helped prepare several of the five contestants, also said it was Rhyne's first year as a contestant, but she performed "great."

As first runner-up,

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Courtney Payne/NSU Press
Faith Jenkins is crowned Miss Louisiana 2000 during the annual Monroe pageant on June 17. Despite coming up short of the ultimate prize, NSU representatives held their own and placed three of five in the top ten finishers.



Final Freshman Connection session begins today

By Kaleb Breaux
News Editor

With the fall 2000 semester comes lots of new faces that will be seen around campus. Many of these faces are a product of the University's Freshman Connection program.

Freshman Connection, a two-day summer orientation, helps incoming freshman with the transition from high school to college life.

> "Freshman Connection has helped me tremendously. I have already scheduled my classes and cleared up the uncertainties about college."
>
> Chance Jones
> Incoming Freshman

Freshman Connection gives the incoming freshmen a chance to meet with university administrators, visit with faculty and staff and also other freshman, and learn more about campus life.

During their two-day stay at the University, the incoming freshmen will also be allowed to pre-register for their fall 2000 classes. This gives them an opportunity to choose their classes before they become full.

"Freshman Connection has helped me out tremendously," said incoming freshman Chance Jones. "I have already scheduled my classes

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University sets admissions standards for incoming freshmen

Northwestern State University will implement admissions standards for incoming freshmen beginning in the fall 2001 semester, according to President Randall J. Webb.

The policy was approved recently by the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors at its monthly meeting.

Incoming freshmen wishing to enter four-year degree programs at NSU will be required to have:
— scored at least a composite score of 18 on the ACT exam or 850 on the SAT;
— earned an overall high school grade point average of at least 2.5; or
— received a performance or talent-related scholarship from Northwestern.

Webb emphasized that Northwestern remains committed to providing higher education to all who seek it. Those students who do not qualify to enter a four-year program can be admitted to NSU in a two-year program. Those students must complete 30 hours in non-developmental courses with a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 and must complete any developmental courses with a 2.0 grade point average.

Wallace leaving for Troy St.

Ray Wallace, head of the Department of Language and Communication and professor of English at Northwestern State University has resigned to become the Dean of Arts and Sciences at Troy State University at Montgomery.

Wallace, who had previously served as the Director of the Louisiana Scholars' College, the state's designated honors college in the liberal arts and sciences, had been at NSU for eight years. He has four books and more than 40 articles in print, and has been a keynote speaker at several international, national and regional teaching conferences. Wallace has also served on three editorial boards, held the presidency of the National Writing Centers Association, and was on the National Council of Teachers of English Sponsored Speakers Series.

Wallace, and his wife, Susan Lewis Wallace have a new book, "Reforming College Composition: Writing the Wrongs," scheduled for publication this August.

PAGEANT: Contestants pleased with performance

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Colvin received over $6,000 in cash scholarships, as well as having one semester of tuition paid. Plaissance was awarded $2,000 in cash scholarships in addition to one paid semester. Lekeisha Harris received a $500 cash scholarship.

Faith Jenkins, a Southern University law student was named Miss Louisiana.

Jenkins was awarded over $15,000 in cash scholarships and $15, 000 in appearance fees.

In addition, Jenkins received over $22,000 in allowances for title related necessities like wardrobe, jewelry, photographs, hair care, manicures, car care, and health club memberships.

"Everyone thinks beauty pageants are superficial, but these girls are actually really smart," Deshotel said. "I think it definitely pays to do it."

Deshotel said she received many compliments about how well the girls performed. She also said many people comment that one of the university's students should have won.

"You never know what the judges are looking for in someone," Plaissance said. "For us to decide [who should win] by just what we see on stage is difficult."

Plaissance said she just did her best and allowed the judges to make their decisions. She said had there been five different judges, it's possible that there would have been five different winners.

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CONNECTION: Final chance for orientation begins today

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and cleared up the uncertainties about college."

Freshman Connection not only appeals to those incoming freshmen, but also to the parents of these students. During the two-day orientation, the parents of the freshman are invited to a Parent Connection. This program allows the parents to ask any questions that they have about the University or college life in general. Parents are introduced to academic programs, facilities, and support services provided by the university.

"After attending Parent Connection, I am not afraid of sending my child off to college," said Sally Estes, a parent of an incoming freshman.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Press

Freshman not only schedule classes and get oriented with the school during Freshman Connection, but they also get to have a good time and meet a variety of new people. The final session of Freshman Connection begins today.

University staff feels that Freshman Connection is a huge recruiting tool that attracts many students from not only Louisiana, but nationally.

High enrollment numbers are what keeps these Freshman Connections going. Last fall the University enrolled well over 2,000 freshmen. This year the University is looking to exceed that number with the largest freshman class to ever enroll at Northwestern.

Freshman Connection is divided into four summer sessions, three of which have already finished. The fourth and final summer session takes place today and will end on Friday.

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Wayans' magic not enough to save "Scary Movie"

Associated Press

If spending an hour and a half counting inside jokes and pop culture references is your idea of fun, then ``Scary Movie'' is the movie for you.

Unfortunately, if this really is your idea of fun, you're probably 12 years old. That means you're too young to see this very R-rated spoof of the teen-slasher flick genre.

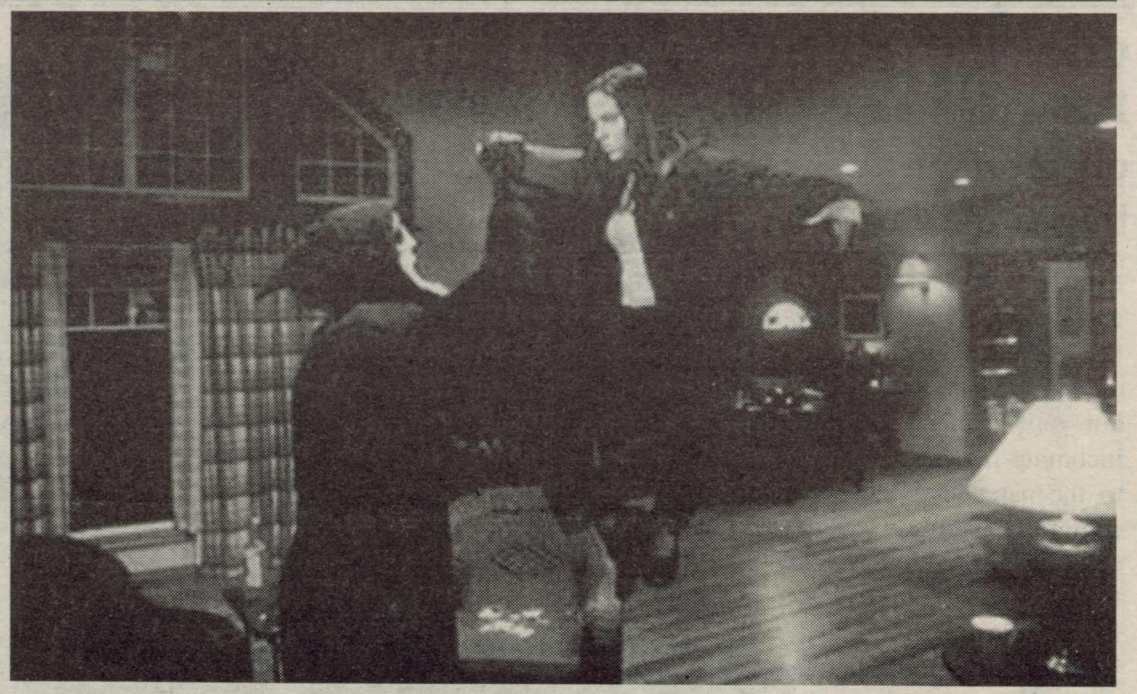
``Scary Movie'' pokes fun at the ``Scream'' trilogy, both ``I Know What You Did Last Summer'' movies and the ``Friday the 13th'' series, along with every other movie that's been popular in the past decade or so. The jokes are very of-the-moment, but they're also hackneyed.

In spoofing ``Scream,'' the very premise of ``Scary Movie'' is flawed. ``Scream'' itself was a parody of the horror genre, and it inspired a series of similar (if less successful) self-aware, hip teen horror movies. By the time ``Scream 3'' came out in February, there was no new territory to cover. And by spoofing a spoof, ``Scary Movie'' feels really stale.

There are some funny moments, though.

Shawn and Marlon Wayans, who wrote ``Don't Be a Menace to South Central While Drinking Your Juice in the Hood,'' co-star and co-wrote the script. It is directed by their brother, Keenen Ivory Wayans, who wrote and directed 1988's critically acclaimed blaxploitation spoof ``I'm Gonna Git You Sucka'' and created the early-1990s sketch-comedy TV show ``In Living Color.'' The family's silly sense of humor is evident throughout.

In fact, there are almost as many screenwriters (six in all, including some of the guys who wrote ``I Know What You Did Last Summer'') as there are in-jokes in this movie, which is part of why ``Scary Movie'' has such a scattered, lost feel to it.



Associated Press

No one is safe from being spoofed in "Scary Movie", including *The Matrix*. The new comedy from Dimension Films was made by The Wayans Brothers who have made similar spoofs as, "I'm Gonna Get You Sucka" and "Don't be a Menace to South Central While Drinking Your Juice in the Hood."

The movie starts out fast, with a nearly shot-for-shot copy of the ``Scream'' opening sequence. This time, it's Carmen Electra in Drew Barrymore's role as a pretty young woman, home alone, who makes the mistake of answering the phone.

In the first 15-20 minutes, the jokes are quick and funny. From there, the movie just drags and the humor turns crude. At times, it feels like an improvisation exercise in a high school drama class.

Takeoffs on key moments in ``The Sixth Sense, ``The Blair Witch Project'' and ``The Matrix'' appear in the trailer, so if you laughed then, you've seen everything you need to see. There are even subtler references to TV shows including ``Dawson's Creek,'' ``Ally McBeal'' and ``The Brady Bunch'' for true pop culture connoisseurs.

The title itself is an in-joke: ``Scary Movie'' was the original title of ``Scream.''

But are these references funny? They're good for a smile at best, but only if you're in on the joke. If not, you're lost.

Besides being lame, ``Scary Movie'' also is especially harsh toward women - men beat them up, they beat each other up. Such violence adds nothing, particularly in a movie that's supposed to be a comedy, not a true horror flick.

And not a single character feels like a real person. Granted, it's a spoof, but must everyone be shrill and annoying?

Move over Felix, here comes Florence

It won't be Felix and Oscar, but there will be no mistaking the work of Neil Simon when the NSU Summer Theatre presents a female version of Simon's play,

"The Odd Couple"Aug. 2-10 in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium. Tickets are $9 which includes dessert at intermission. Scott Burrell is the director.

The original version of the Odd Couple played Broadway in 1966 to critical acclaim. It was soon made into a movie and a long-running TV sitcom, with stars such as Tony Randall, Jack Lemon, Jack Klugman, Walter Matthau and Art Carney coming to mind when visualizing Felix and Oscar.

In 1985, Simon transformed his award winning play into a more contemporary setting while flip-flopping the genders of the characters. Oscar and Felix became Olive and Florence while the famous "Pigeon sisters" became the Latin lovers known as the Costazuela brothers."

The plot of the play remains the same, Burrell said, with roommates with opposing personalities coexisting in the same apartment. Simon brings a lot of the same lines from his male version in to the newer play, but Burrell said the female version is as different as man and woman.

Playing the lead roles of Olive and Florence are Amie Clarke of Blue Springs, Mo., and Sabrina Plaisance of Morgan City. Other members of the cast are Annie Fackler of Lafayette as Sylvie, Jessica Sondag of Lathrop, Mo., as Mickey and Rebecca Brettel of New Orleans as Renee.

Also gaining roles were Steve Cooper of Lake Charles as Manolo and Tony Blanco of New Iberia as Jesus.

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Clooney's "Storm" drowns Gibson's "Patriot" at box office

Associated Press

The Perfect Storm'' crushed ``The Patriot,'' despite inspiration from the Independence Day holiday weekend, according to preliminary studio box office estimates.

The George Clooney movie, based on the true story of a fishing boat crushed by a tempest, took in $64 million from Friday through Tuesday, according to studio estimates.

``The Patriot,'' a Revolutionary War saga starring Mel Gibson, brought in $35.2 million for the same five days. ``Chicken Run'' retained its third-place standing for the longer-than-usual holiday weekend, taking in $21 million.

The figures are estimates based on reporting from the individual studios. Exhibitor Relations, Inc., which usually provides official numbers, was closed for the holiday.

The list of the top 10 movies remained the same from Sunday's tally, with ``The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle'' sitting in disappointing fifth-place with $11 million.

The Fourth of July weekend traditionally means blockbuster business for Hollywood. Unfortunately, the throngs of moviegoers didn't make ``Mission: Impossible 2'' the first $200 million movie of the year. The movie took in $7.7 million for the five days, pushing its cumulative take to $199.9 million.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Tuesday at North American theaters, according to studio estimates.



Associated Press

Mark Wahlberg and George Clooney (right) star in the action-drama "The Perfect Storm." The film is based on a true story and surprised the movie industry over the Fourth of July Weekend by trouncing the Mel Gibson war drama, "The Patriot", at the box office.

Natchitoches/NSU Folk Festival set for July 21-22

Family traditions and recreational activities will be the focus of exhibits which will be on display at the 21st annual Natchitoches/NSU Folk Festival July 21-22 in Prather Coliseum on the campus of Northwestern State University.

Three families will be displaying their family reunion activities in an exhibit highlighting the tradition of family reunions and family history. The Birdwell family will assemble a display of their reunion activities and family trees as well as host their national family reunion in conjunction with the festival.

A group from the Cane River Creole community will stage a display regarding family history and traditions. Additionally, the Creole Family History Conference which will be held simultaneously with the Festival, will focus upon the Metoyer family and its genealogy.

Along with these two family history exhibits, the Libuse and Kolin Czech Communities will display family reunion and family tradition information. Other local families are donating items for inclusion in this exhibit area. The family reunion tradition is an important part of Southern culture, and this exhibit marks the first year that the Festival will honor this important tradition.

Along with the displays there will be two LEH-sponsored narrative sessions dedicated to family history traditions. Various representatives of the African-American, Creole, Czech and Anglo-Scots-Irish culture will address issues relating to family traditions, reunions and genealogy.

Additionally, the Festival will mount an exhibit relating to hunting and fishing in Louisiana. This exhibit will display the importance of hunting and fishing to the northern Louisiana region. Several Sabine, Natchitoches and Rapides parish hunters and fishermen will share information relating to equipment and hunting and fishing stories with the festival patrons.

The Boogie Kings and Louisiana music are the topic of the third exhibit. Various Boogie King memorabilia will be displayed along with a history of the band. The Louisiana band, which has been playing together for 45 years, has returned to full-time performing. Their longevity and popularity have made the band significant in Louisiana's musical history.

Fact or fiction? Expert to discuss "Urban Legends" at Folk Festival

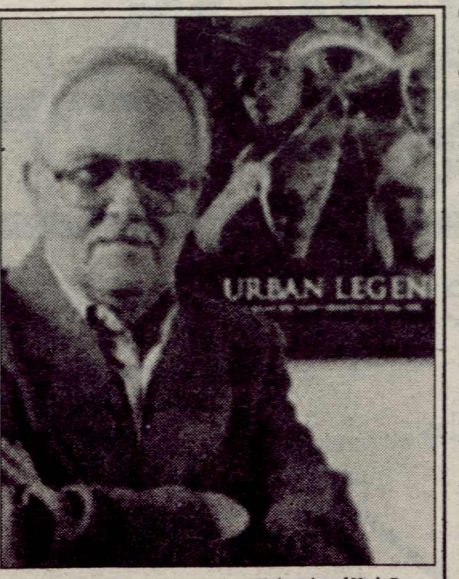
One of the leading authorities on urban legends will explain how those wild stories make their way around the world in a talk at the 21st annual Natchitoches/NSU Folk Festival July 21-22. Author Jan Harold Brunvand has written six books on urban legends including "The Vanishing Hitchhiker," "The Choking Doberman," "The Mexican Pet," "Curses!," "Broiled Again," "The Baby Train" and "Too Good to Be True" and will discuss these stories on Saturday, July 22 at 2 p.m. in the "N" Club Room in Prather Coliseum.

Urban legends are popular stories that circulate by word of mouth within communities. The stories are usually believable though primarily fictional, and are passed on as true stories. Most people have heard of at least one. Some of the more legendary urban legends are about vanishing hitchhikers, rats accidentally cooked and served along with fast food and alligators in the New York City sewer system.

Brunvard is a past editor of the prestigious Journal of American Folklore, author of the textbook, "The Study of American Folklore" and general editor of "American Folklore: An Encyclopedia." After many years on the faculty at Utah State University, he recently retired to devote more time to his research and writing. Brunvand is also the recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship, a Fulbright Research Grant, a Guggenheim Fellowship, and an IREX Fellowship.

The festival will also highlight other traditions of crafts, food, music and narrative presentations. The Festival has been designated four times as one of the Top Twenty Events by the Southeastern Tourism Commission. It has also been selected for inclusion in the Library of Congress' Bicentennial Celebration: Local Legacies Project. The theme of this year's festival is "Folk Traditions in the New Millennium".

For ticket information, call (318) 357-4332.



University of Utah Press

Jan Harold Brunvand, a leading expert on "Urban Legends," will speak on the topic during this year's Folk Festival to be held July 21-22.

Nothing "Irrelevant" about this guy


Gary Hardamon/ NSU Press

Mike Green's speed and coordination made him a draft pick in the NFL-- even if he was the last player picked overall

Good things happen to those who wait. Just ask Mike Green.

By Raymond Williams
Sauce Reporter

Usually, the only time NFL players can say "I'm going to Disneyworld" is right after a hard-fought win in the Super Bowl

There's definitely a much easier way.

Just ask Former Demon Defensive back Michael Green, who was the 254th and last selection in the 2000 NFL, earning him the dubious title of "Mr. Irrelevant."

Green said he was initially disappointed but eventually came to grips with the situation.

"At first, I thought I might go higher [in the draft], but it's not an opportunity everyone gets," Green said. "Being Mr. Irrelevant made it all seem fine."

"Mr. Irrelevant Week" began in 1976 when Kelvin Dirk, the last player selected in the NFL draft that year, was invited to Newport Beach in California for a week of celebration. Dirk's invitation came by way of Irrelevant Week's founder, Paul Salata. Salata, a former NFL player, wanted to do something nice for the "underdog," so he started this weeklong celebration.

In addition to honoring the last draftee, the celebration also raised money for many charities by charging admission to the various events throughout the week as well as gaining corporate sponsors.

Ironically, Green is not the first former Demon to be dubbed "Mr. Irrelevant." The university's first "irrelevant" player, receiver Mike Almond, was the last pick in the 1979 draft.

Green, who was drafted by the Chicago Bears, described Irrelevant Week as a week of fun. From June 19-24, Green was given the royal treatment. On the first day, he received a "shower of gifts" and the formal introduction of "Mr. Irrelevant." Green received even more VIP treatment at Disneyland on day two. On the third day, a banquet was held to highlight the celebration of the NFL's last man along with conf sailing, golf and a baseball game and tailgating party.

Among his many gifts for being "irrelevant" was a $3,000 watch.

"The week made me feel like I belonged." in the NFL," Green said.

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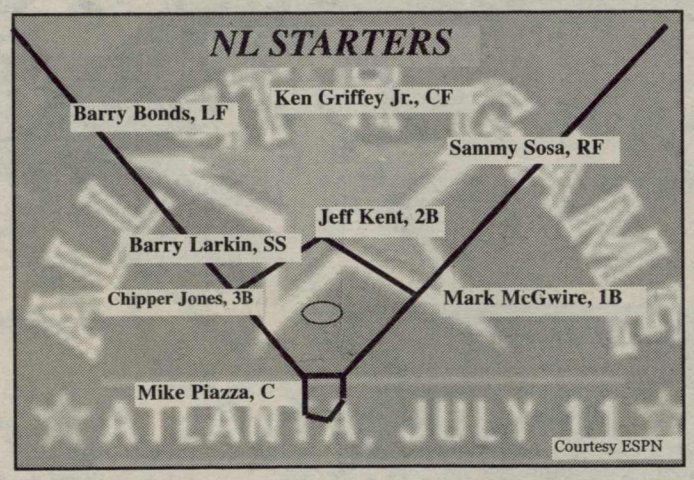
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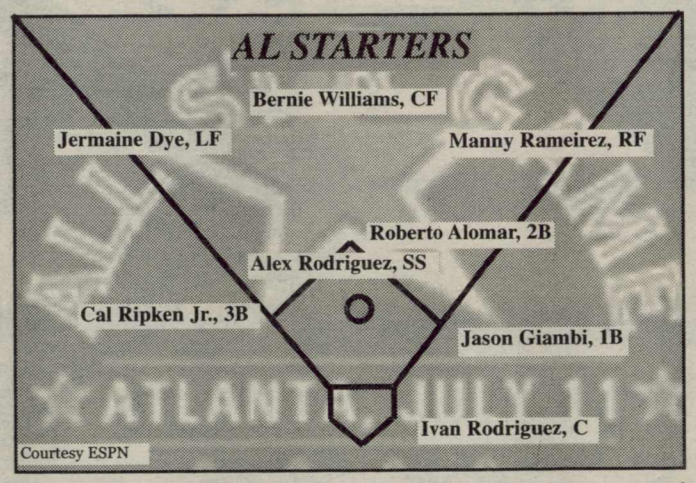
All roads lead to Atlanta for All-Star Game

Starters named for both National and American League squads for July 11 classic

New and old faces head to the mid-summer's classic

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Andres Galarraga was among four Atlanta players added Wednesday to the National League All-Star team, giving the Braves five spots on the 30-man roster for next week's game at Turner Field, the most of any club.

Along with the first baseman, who missed all of 1999 while undergoing treatment for cancer, center fielder Andruw Jones and pitchers Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine were picked to join third baseman Chipper Jones, who was elected to start by fans.

Bobby Cox of the Braves is the NL manager for Tuesday's game. While starters were elected by fans, pitchers and reserves are selected by the commissioner's office, with the All-Star managers consulting.

The New York Mets and St. Louis Cardinals have three players each on the team. Mets second baseman Edgardo Alfonzo and left-hander Al Leiter were picked to join starting catcher Mike Piazza.

Joining Mark McGwire were right-hander Darryl Kile and outfielder Jim Edmonds. McGwire had threatened not to play in next Tuesday's game, the first at Atlanta since 1972, if Edmonds was not chosen.

Ivan Rodriguez got the most votes of any player, and Jeff Kent overcame a 138,000-vote deficit in the final week to overtake Houston's Craig Biggio and Alfonzo to win the NL's starting spot at second base. Kent, who leads the NL with 80 RBIs for the Giants, finished with 1,018,430 votes in totals released Tuesday.

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McNeese Names New Head Baseball Coach

Todd Butler, an assistant baseball coach for the past six years at Alabama, has accepted the head coaching job at McNeese State, where he played and worked as an assistant coach.

Butler, 34, was offered the position Monday by athletic director Sonny Watkins and took the job Tuesday. He will take over immediately, replacing Mike Bianco, who left after three seasons to become head coach at Ole Miss. Butler played two years for McNeese at shortstop before transferring to Oklahoma where he set a school record for stolen bases and earned third team all-America honors as an outfielder.

Butler played two years in the Cleveland Indians' farm system.

Southeastern Gets new AD

Southeastern Louisiana University President Sally Clausen has announced that Frank Pergolizzi has been named the Lions' new Director of Athletics.

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University "chillers" receive revamping over summer

By Josh Beavers
Editor

In order to combat the summer heat and help out the environment, the University has undertaken the massive task of adding over 150 tons of cooling power to the campus.

Three of the University's four huge air conditioning stations have undergone or are currently undergoing a revamping that will give more cooling power to the classrooms, offices and dormitories of the campus.

The reason for the undertaking is due in part to the summer heat, but mainly because of the age of the "chillers" and the type of fluid they run on.

"The "chillers" were installed in 1969 and were running on R-11," Director of the Physical Plant Loren Lindsey said. "It has just been found out that R-11 is detrimental to the ozone layer and has been phased out."

Cooling station number two, which is located in between Bossier Hall and Caddo Hall has just received a new 650 ton "chiller," new pumps, a new cooling tower and University personnel are currently adding another cooling tower.

Cooling station number two supplies cooling power to Bossier Hall, Dodd Hall, Caddo Hall, St. Denis, Kyser Hall, The Field House, Caspari, Roy Hall and the Student Union.

"It's got the biggest job on campus," Lindsey said. "If it went out, half the campus would be without air conditioning."

A cooling station behind the library was struck by lighting earlier this summer and is unrepairable. In order for the library to remain open, the University has contracted out a business that supplies the building with air conditioning.

Mingling with the Folk people



Gary Hardamon/NSU Press

John Guidry demonstrates how to weave a basket during the annual Natchitoches/NSU Folk Festival held last weekend in Prather Coliseum. Family traditions and recreational activities were the focus of exhibits which were on display during the Festival. The Festival also featured a lecture from noted Urban Legend authority Jan Harold Brunvand.

University retention rate up for 1999 school year

By Windy S. La'Borde
Sauce Reporter

The number of Northwestern State University freshmen who returned for their sophomore year rose by 6.6 percent, more than any other school in the University of Louisiana System.

According to a press release from the University of Louisiana System, NSU's retention rate was 69 percent in the fall of 1999, up from 62.4 percent in the fall of 1995. The numbers compare first-time, full-time students.

Along with NSU, six other universities in the System had higher retention rates. Grambling State jumped from 62.5 to 67.3 percent, Louisiana Tech climbed from 74.3 to 79.4, McNeese State rose from 56.6 to 61.4, Southeastern Louisiana improved from 67.8 to 68.3, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette moved up from 68.6 to 71.8, and the University of Louisiana at Monroe changed from 65.4 to 65.6. The System average reflected a 3.4 percent increase, from 65.7 to 69.1.

Only one school in the System had a drop in its retention rate. Nicholls State fell from 67.7 to 64.9 percent.

Christie Anderson, coordinator of academic advising at Northwestern, said there were many reasons for NSU's retention increase.

"There were so many at risk students at Northwestern and something had to be done," she said. "I don't want to attribute the reason for the higher retention rates to one source, though. Northwestern has improved its services in general around campus."

System President Bobby Jindal said in a press release that many System schools have been developing programs to improve retention rates, and they plan to raise admissions standards to help improve rates even more.

"Better prepared students are more likely to succeed when they come to our

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SBDC to hold workshop

The Small Business Development Center at Northwestern State University will sponsor a QuickBooks Pro Workshop in Alexandria August 14-16. The workshop will be from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. each night in Room 146 at the University Center at England Airpark.

Dr. Walter Creighton will be the instructor. Creighton has experience in accounting and currently teaches computer information systems courses at NSU. He has also been a small business owner and consultant. The fee for the workshop is $100 per person for the course only, and $125 per person for the course and workbook. Advance registration is required for the class. Due to limited seating, only the first 15 paid participants will be accepted.

In the course, participants will learn how to set up accounts, track receivables, build customer lists, pay bills, manage payables, and calculate payroll.

Those taking the class must have a basic working knowledge of computers.

For more information or directions call (318) 357-5611 or send an e-mail to sbdc@alpha.nsula.edu.

Colavito to fill Wallace's shoes

By Josh Green
Sauce Reporter

One of the university's most recognizable figures, Ray Wallace, has resigned from his position in the Department of Language and Communication.

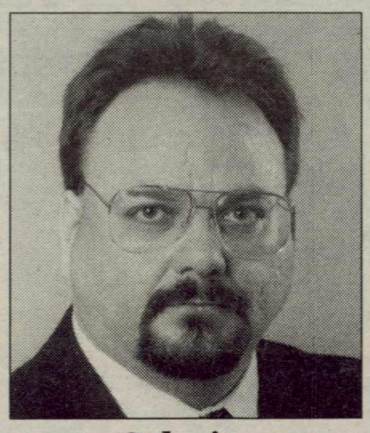
Wallace resigned recently as the head of the department to fill a position at Troy State University in Montgomery, Alabama. There, Wallace will become dean of arts and sciences in the fall.

Wallace, a former director of the Louisiana Scholars' College, had been at the university for over eight years.

He has served on three editorial boards, held the presidency of the National Writing Centers Association, and has written four books and over 40 articles in print. His wife, Susan Lewis-Wallace, an instructor at NSU for six years, will also leave to pursue a career at Troy State in the fall.

Many university students and faculty said that both Wallaces will be greatly missed.

D.D. Freaman, a 1997 graduate of the university, said that Wallace was one of her most beloved instructors. "He was an awesome teacher. . . and a real asset to the university."



Colavito

Don Hatley, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said that Wallace appeared to be very popular among students.

"Dr. Wallace was always very collegial with others," he said.

Filling the position of department head of Language and Communication, will be Dr. Joseph Rocky Colavito.

Colavito, a graduate of St. Bonaventure University and the University of Arizona, previously held an Assistant Professor position at the university. Colavito has been named acting department head until a permanent head is named.

He will be performing all duties that a permanent department head would while he holds the temporary position. Colavito will be performing duties ranging from scheduling classes to evaluating instructors in that department.

The decision of who will fill the permanent position will not be made until early next year.

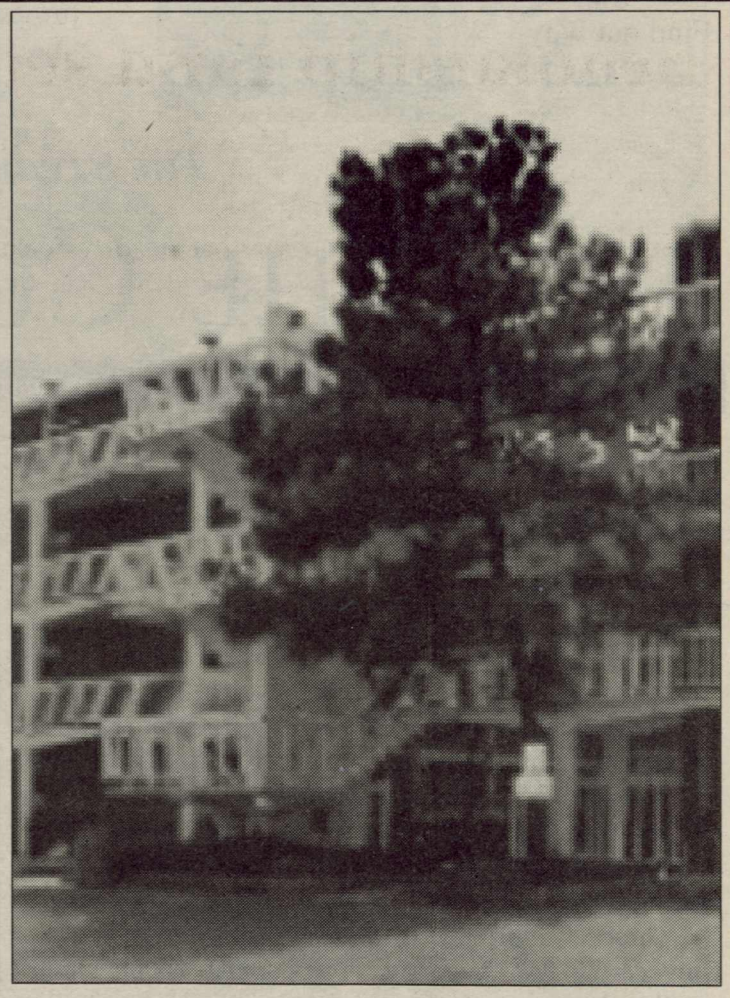
University officials said that the process of filling a departmental head position permanently can be a lengthy task.

"You want to get the best person out there for the job, so it can't be a one month search," said Hatley. After a department head officially assigns, a lengthy nationwide search begins.

Officials said that the university is especially on the lookout for potential applicants during the Modern Language Society of America meetings, which occur between Christmas and New Years.

The search committee will take in all applications by early March. After several names are chosen from all applications, the choice goes to the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Then, a candidate will be selected to permanently fill Wallace's position.



Courtney Payne/Current Sauce
Bossier Hall will become only the third dorm on campus to house both male and female students when the dorm goes co-ed this fall. The other two dorms are Boozman and Sabine halls. The North wing will house females.

Bossier Hall slated to turn co-ed in fall 2000 semester

By Josh Beavers
Editor

At the start of the fall semester, Bossier Hall will become only the third dorm on campus to house both male and female students.

The reason for the change is due to increased amount of female students and the lack thereof of dorm rooms to accommodate them. The University already has three times as many female students than male students and with another record freshman class expected there is simply not enough room to house all of them.

"We had about 200 more girls that needed rooms for the fall," Director of Housing Woody Blair said. "We had met the needs of the male students on campus and had the extra rooms in Bossier."

To make room for the female students, approximately 40 male students had to be relocated to Rapides Hall. A criteria of a student having 60 or more hours and a 2.5 gpa was implemented to make the desicion of who would go and who would stay.

These students will have first priority to get back in once cancellations are made after the start of school.

"It was rough on the guys who had to move out," Blair said. "We have every intention of giving them first call to any vacancies in the dorm."

The move is not permanent, however. Blair said that as soon as a more permanent solution presents itself then Bossier would once again be an all male dorm.

The only other co-ed dorms on campus are Boozman Hall and the CAPA wing of Sabine Hall.

Scholarship fund set up in memory of Janet Goodwin

The Goodwin family is asking that donations be made at the NSU Foundation to a scholarship fund set up in honor of the late Janet Goodwin to the Northwestern State Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Goodwin, wife of former Demon football coach Sam Goodwin, passed away last month after suffering a massive heart attack.

"Janet Goodwin was a prominent and vital member of the NSU community," University President Randall J. Webb said. "We love the Goodwins and appreciate them so much. The whole city is saddened by this tragedy."

The 54-year-old Goodwin was celebrating her birthday with her oldest daughter who she was helping move to South Carolina the Saturday before her death. She suffered the heart attack at around 3 a.m. Sunday morning.

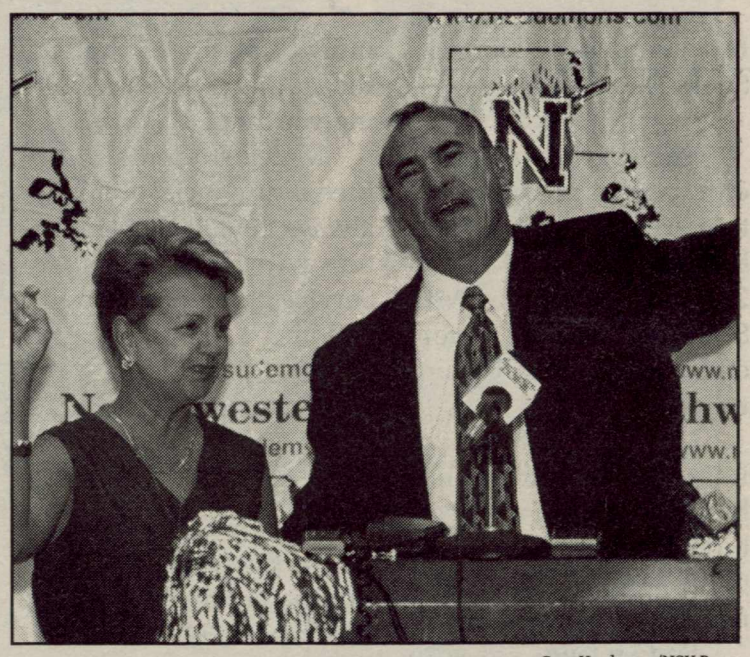
The Goodwin family played a huge part in helping the NSU FCA grow into the largest chapter in its district the past three years. 322 Monroe Street, Natchitoches,LA 71457.

Mrs. Goodwin, the former Janet Robins, was a native of Little Rock. She was chosen homecoming queen at Henderson State while her husband was an All-American offensive guard on the football team there in 1966.

She served for several years as secretary in the Department of Health and Human Performance at Northwestern. The Goodwins were involved in local and area charities along with several campus organizations. Mrs. Goodwin was a choir member, vacation bible school teacher and youth worker at Westside Baptist Church in Natchitoches.

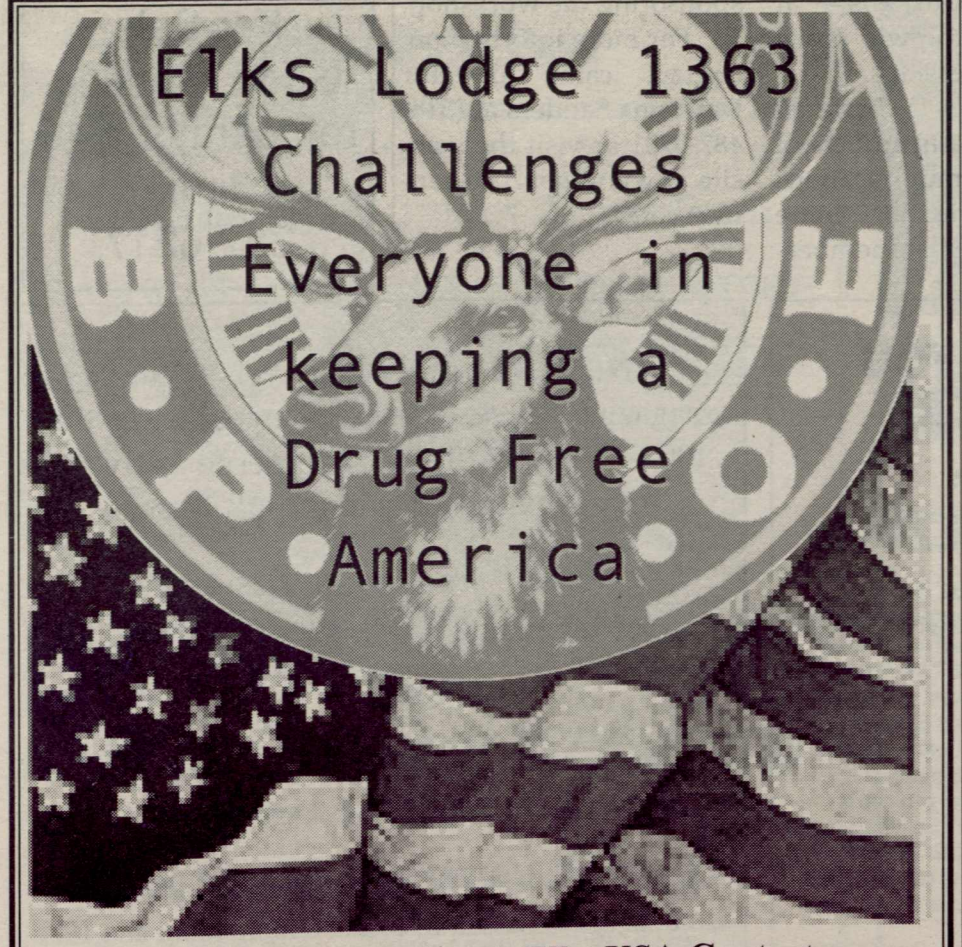
Her husband expressed appreciation for the incredible outpouring of support during the tragedy. Former players, coaching associates and friends around the nation and overseas have been in contact with the Goodwins during the week. Charleston community leaders as well as the athletic department, football coaching staff and officials at Charleston Southern University have been extraordinarily helpful, said Goodwin.

On her final day in Natchitoches, Mrs. Goodwin joined her husband June 9 at the press conference introducing Goodwin's successor as coach, Steve Roberts. On May 9, Goodwin and his wife announced his retirement from coaching.



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Janet Goodwin (left) stands with husband Sam while he announces his retirement as the school's head football coach. She died of a heart attack a short time later



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University enforcing selective service rule

By Raymond Williams
Sauce Reporter

The university is now enforcing a federal act that requires all males between the age of 18 and 25 to register with Selective Services before enrolling at a college or university.

University registrar, Lillie Bell, said the policy has always been in effect, but the university is enforcing it differently now.

Registering with Selective Service allows individuals to be drafted for military service during wartime.

Male students who filed for financial aid were always required to register with the Selective Service before their applications could be processed.

In addition, the university requires males to provide proof of registration and to sign a sworn statement of Selective Service status.

However, there are some exceptions to the policy. Females are automatically exempt. Also, U.S. veterans of the armed forces, applicants under the age of 18, those currently active in the U.S. armed forces and those exempt from registering with Selective Services under federal law are not forced to comply.

Bell said the policy is being strictly enforced.

"Since we get federal funds," Bell said. "We have to abide by federal rules."

Bell said problems only occur when students come to campus without registering.

She said students are only inconvenienced.

"It just takes a little extra time," Bell said.

She also warned that the registrar's office has placed holds on the accounts of students who have not registered.

Students can obtain Selective Service registration forms from their post offices. They may also register when applying for financial aid, applying for a driver's license and on-line at www.sss.gov.

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LSPA workshop to be held Aug. 19

Northwestern State University will host the Louisiana Scholastic Press Association's annual Summer Journalism Workshop on Aug. 19.

The "LSPA 2000 Boot Camp" will include a variety of break-out sessions on topics relating to publications for junior high and high school publications staffs. The sessions include instruction on theme development for yearbooks, research, writing and proofing articles for newspapers, organizing broadcasts and writing for broadcast media and basics in photography, including cameras, composition and creativity.

Other topics to be covered include using "Highwired" to publish an online newspaper and internet-based activities for journalism students.

Instructors for the workshop include high school and college faculty as well as experienced professionals. Mary Brocato, an assistant professor of journalism at Northwestern, will teach two of the sessions.

The LSPA is chartered with the Manship School of Mass Communications at Louisiana State University. Its membership includes high schools and middle schools with newspaper or yearbook staffs, literary magazine staffs, video yearbook staffs, broadcast staffs, photography classes or journalism classes.

The LSPA, Northwestern State University's Department of Journalism, LSU and Young Journalists Mentoring Program are sponsoring the workshop.

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RETENTION: Planning ahead is key to succeeding

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campuses," he said. "By raising admissions criteria and expectations, prospective students are more likely to raise their performance."

Although NSU will not adopt new admissions standards until the fall of 2001, Jindal cited the school's EXCEL program as one program that has been keeping students in school.

In the EXCEL program, freshmen who are enrolled in two or more remedial courses are required to take part in sessions that focus on time-management and study skills, and they are provided with comprehensive academic counseling.

"You need to know what your goals are and how you are going to reach them."

Christie Anderson
Coordinator,
Academic Advising

Anderson said one key to staying in school is for students to get to know their advisers and teachers.

"You need to learn how to develop a schedule first of all," she said. "Talk to your adviser, get to know your instructors. Let your professor know that you are taking the class and your grade seriously, and the professor will take you seriously. You need to know what your goals are and how you are going to reach them. Allow yourself to enjoy yourself."



Courtney Payne/Current Sauce

Renovations to Lee H. Nelson Hall, also known as the Women's Old Gym, have not stopped due to the summer heat. As of press time the project was still on schedule for a early 2001 completion date. The building will house the new home of the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training.

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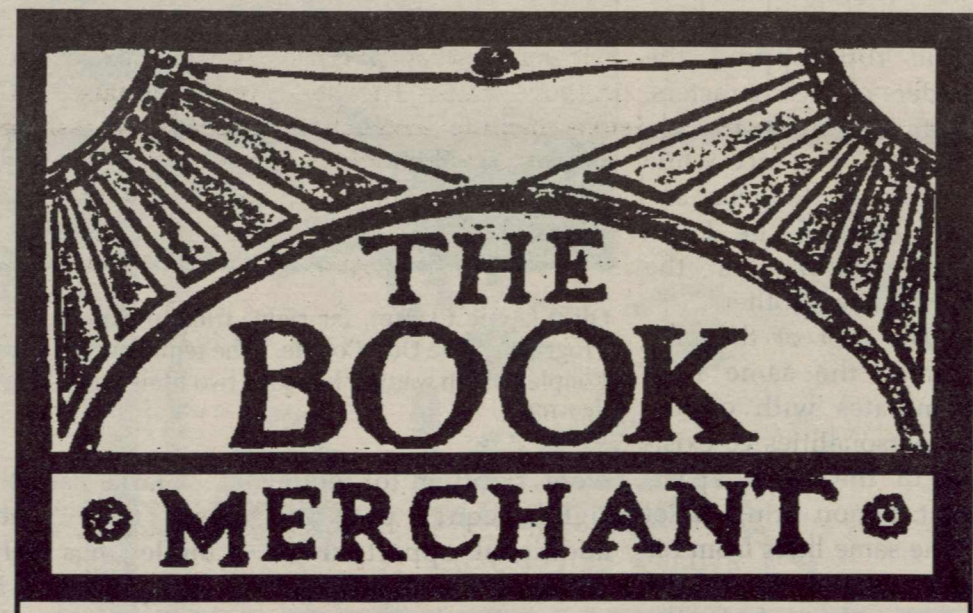
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Clarke, "Odd Couple" crew set to entertain University, community with female version of Neil Simon classic



Gary Hardamon/NSU Press

Olive (Amie Clarke), far right, tries to explain her roommate's behzvior to her friends in a scene from the NSU Theatre Program's "The Odd Couple." The female version was written by Neil Simon, who also wrote the original version of "The Odd Couple" which was the basis for two films and a long-running television show. For ticket information on "The Odd Couple" call 357-6891.

Amie Clarke has a love for improvisation, but she also has an appreciation for a well-written script. Clarke, a junior from Blue Springs, Mo., plays Olive, one of the lead roles in a female version of "The Odd Couple" which will be presented by the NSU Theatre and runs August 2-10.

The female version was written by Neil Simon, who also wrote the original version of "The Odd Couple" which was the basis for two films and a long-running television show. Simon transformed his award winning play into a more contemporary setting while flip-flopping the genders of the characters. Oscar and Felix became Olive and Florence while the famous "Pigeon sisters" became the Latin lovers known as the "Costazuela brothers."

The plot of the play remains the same with roommates with opposing personalities co-existing in the same apartment. Simon brings a lot of the same lines from his male version in to the newer play, but the female version has a number of differences.

"It's incredible working with what Neil Simon has written each night," said Clarke, who admits to being closer to a neat freak than the messy character she portrays."He gives the actors so much room. There are so many interpretations to each line. His insight is amazing. He knows as much about female characters as male characters. It is incredible that someone is so insightful."

Clarke says the play is set at a time when women were fighting for equal rights, equal pay and additional opportunities. Olive is a self-sufficient woman in a high position while Florence (played by Sabrina Plaisance of Morgan City) is a social conservative, content not to seek a career and drawing security from her family and marriage.

"Simon brings in new ideas and complexities that aren't in the original version of 'The Odd Couple,' said Clarke. "Florence is so balled up. Someone could definitely say she has some issues. Olive believes she is independent, but she is lonely and needs to feel loved and wanted.

Clarke said the small cast for "The Odd Couple" has helped the actors come together quickly and develop well-rounded characters.

"Each character has to give a lot in order to make the show work," she said. "We are close as friends and there is a lot of variety in the characters we play. You have to keep an interest in each of the six characters. Olive and Florence can only argue for so long and keep the audience interested."

Clarke and Jessica Sondag, who plays Mickey, both transferred to Northwestern from Missouri Valley College when the school made cuts to its theatre program. A faculty member at Missouri Valley knew NSU Coordinator of Theatre Dr. Jack Wann and arranged an audition for Clarke and Sondag. Clarke had her first major role last spring in the musical "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," which is a part she never expected to land.

"I had never been in a musical. I never thought of going into musical theatre. I kept saying I can't sing or dance," said Clarke, who was on the soccer team at Missouri Valley College. "But I learned how to use the talent I had to shape a character. It opened new doors for me.

"I've learned a lot so far. I love the instructors and the opportunity I've had to come into a department this size and learn how to deal with things."

Clarke plans to graduate in December 2001 and hopes to work in improvisational theatre or standup comedy.

"Whatever will get me where I want to go is my objective. I'd love to be in a group like Second City," said Clarke. "I love meeting people and finding out about them."

For ticket information on "The Odd Couple" call 357-6891.

N'Sync, Spears, Eminem lead 2000 MTV video awards

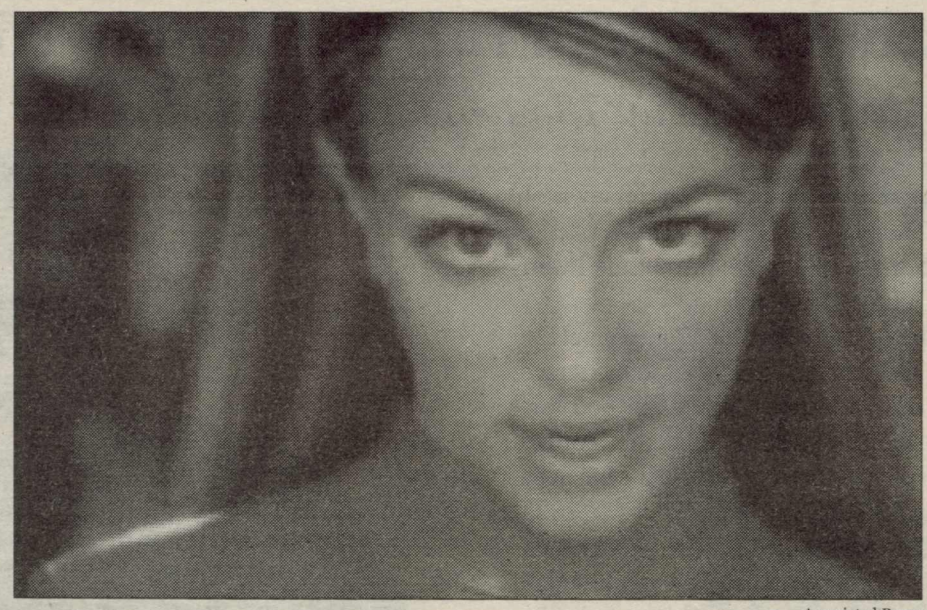
D'Angelo's steamy single-camera clip for ``Untitled (How Does it Feel)'' will compete with chart-toppers Eminem and 'N Sync for best music video at the MTV Video Awards.

Eminem and 'N Sync both earned six nominations apiece for MTV honors on Tuesday, with Red Hot Chili Peppers, Metallica, Sisqo and Christina Aguilera winning five nods each.

Marlon and Shawn Wayans, hot from their production of ``Scary Movie,'' will be hosts of the awards, broadcast live from New York's Radio City Music Hall on Sept. 7. 'N Sync and Rage Against the Machine are among the scheduled performers.

Video artistry has long taken a back seat to outrageous behavior at the annual awards show, especially as MTV plays fewer videos and younger artists concern themselves more with dance steps and wardrobes than compelling clips.

The prominent exception this year was D'Angelo, whose video of his naked torso cemented his reputation as a sex symbol.



Associated Press

Britney Spears is nominated in the best female video category at the 2000 MTV Video Music Awards. As of now the Louisiana native is not scheduled to perform at the show.

``He did have nice abs, man,'' an admiring Damon Wayans said.

Other nominees for the year's best video include Eminem's ``The Real Slim Shady,'' 'N Sync's ``Bye Bye Bye,'' Blink 182's ``All the Small Things'' and Red Hot Chili Pepper's"Californication.'

Aguilera, who won the Grammy Award for best new artist in February, will compete for the designation of best new artist in video with Papa Roach, Macy Gray, Pink and Sisqo.

D'Angelo and Eminem were nominated for best male video, along with Kid Rock's ``Cowboy,'' Moby's ``Natural Blues'' and Ricky Martin's ``Shake Your Bon Bon.''

Best female video nominees include Aaliyah's ``Try Again,'' Britney Spears' ``Oops!...I Did it Again,'' Aguilera's ``What a Girl Wants,'' Gray's ``I Try'' and Toni Braxton's ``He Wasn't Man Enough.''

The show will air on Sept. 7 from Radio City Music Hall in New York.

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"Sopranos" look to rub out Emmy competition

Crime drama racks up 18 nominations including best drama series

Associated Press

The White House gang and the New Jersey mob took center stage Thursday as NBC's "The West Wing" and HBO's "The Sopranos" led the primetime Emmy nominations field with 18 bids apiece.

"The West Wing's" tally for the 52nd annual Primetime Emmy Awards included the most coveted categories of best drama series, a lead actor nod for star Martin Sheen and four supporting acting noms spread among co-stars Richard Schiff, John Spencer, Stockard Channing and Allison Janney.

"The Sopranos" collected two more Emmy bids than last year, when it led the primetime pack with 16 nominations. David Chase's mobster drama is again a contender for best drama series, while James Gandolfini is in the running for lead drama actor. Lorraine Bracco and Edie Falco are once again vying for lead drama actress honors, while Dominic Chianese and the late Nancy Marchand landed supporting drama bids.

Alongside Warner Bros. TV's "The West Wing" and Brad Grey TV's "The Sopranos," the contenders for drama series Emmy glory were NBC's "ER" and "Law & Order," which set an Emmy record in picking up its ninth consecutive series nod, and ABC's "The Practice," last year's winner. ABC's "NYPD Blue" was left out of the drama series competition for the first time in the show's seven-year history.

NBC's sophomore sitcom "Will & Grace" racked up 11 Emmy bids to lead the comedy series pack, which otherwise was a rerun of last year's nominees: CBS' "Everybody Loves Raymond," NBC's perennial faves "Frasier" and "Friends" and HBO's "Sex and the City." Fox's "Ally McBeal," last year's winner, was out of the running, while Fox's quirky freshman hit "Malcolm in the Middle" also was noticeably absent despite garnering critical raves.

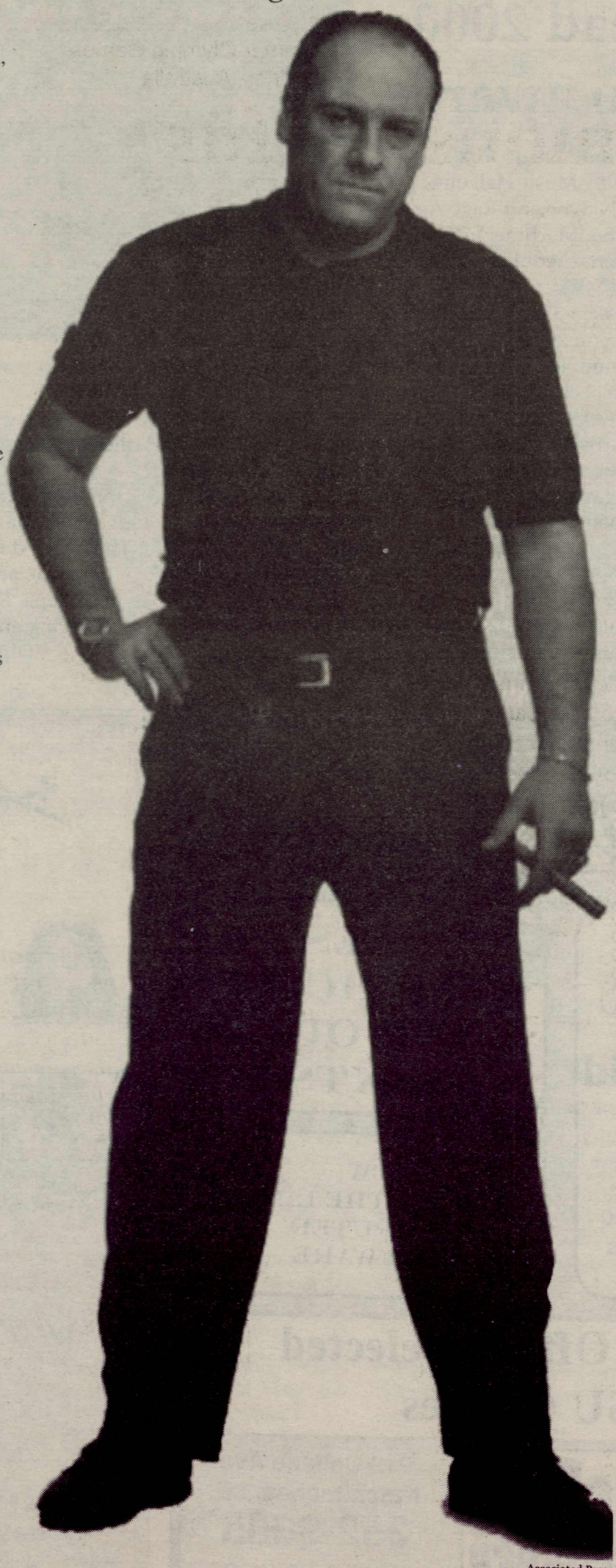
Enriched by multiple noms for many of its core series, NBC led the network-by-network tally with 97 Emmy bids, followed by HBO (86), ABC (64), CBS (41) and Fox (26).

"We're blessed with having great shows across the board — comedies and dramas," NBC West Coast president Scott Sassa said. "We're proud of 'Will & Grace' because it's such a validation for NBC Studios. And when we launched 'West Wing,' everyone said there was too much skepticism about politics, but we had faith in a really well-written show with great characters."

For "Sopranos" creator Chase, the real challenge this past season was keeping the show up to the high standards set in the first season, which generated an avalanche of critical acclaim and pop-culture buzz.

"It was a roller coaster last year. I'd never experienced anything like it, and I was not prepared for it," Chase said. "It was frightening, actually, and very distracting, and it took us a while to get our legs last season."

Next to the "West Wing"/"Sopranos" juggernaut, HBO's "RKO 281," the story of the making of Orson Welles' classic "Citizen Kane," came in second in Emmy noms with 13.



Associated Press

James Gandolfini stars in "The Sopranos." The HBO series was tied for most nominations with 18.

2000 Emmy Nominees

Comedy Series

``Everybody Loves Raymond'' CBS
``Frasier'' NBC
``Friends'' NBC
``Sex and the City'' HBO
``Will & Grace'' NBC

Drama Series

``Er'' Nbc
``Law & Order'' NBC
``The Practice'' ABC
``The Sopranos'' HBO
``The West Wing'' NBC

Miniseries

``Arabian Nights'' ABC
``The Beach Boys: An American Family'' ABC
``The Corner'' HBO
``Jesus'' CBS
``P.T. Barnum'' A&E

Telefilm

``Annie'' ABC
``If These Walls Could Talk 2'' HBO
``Introducing Dorothy Dandridge'' HBO
``Oprah Winfrey Presents: Tuesdays With Morrie'' ABC
``Rko 281'' HBO

Lead Actor In A Comedy Series

Michael J. Fox, ``Spin City'' ABC
Kelsey Grammer, ``Frasier'' NBC
John Lithgow, ``3rd Rock From the Sun'' NBC
Eric McCormack, ``Will & Grace,'' NBC
Ray Romano, ``Everybody Loves Raymond'' CBS

Lead Actor In A Drama Series

Dennis Franz, ``NYPD Blue'' ABC
James Gandolfini, ``The Sopranos'' HBO
Jerry Orbach, ``Law & Order'' NBC
Martin Sheen, ``The West Wing'' NBC
Sam Waterston, ``Law & Order'' NBC

Lead Actor In A Miniseries Or Movie

Beau Bridges, ``P.T. Barnum'' A&E
Brian Dennehy, ``Arthur Miller's Death of a Salesman'' Showtime
Jack Lemmon, ``Oprah Winfrey Presents: Tuesdays With Morrie'' ABC
William H. Macy, ``A Slight Case of Murder'' TNT
Liev Schreiber,''RKO 281'' HBO

Lead Actress In A Comedy Series

Jenna Elfman, ``Dharma & Greg'' ABC
Patricia Heaton, ``Everybody Loves Raymond'' CBS
Jane Kaczmarek, ``Malcolm In the Middle'' Fox
Debra Messing,''Will & Grace'' NBC
Sarah Jessica Parker, ``Sex and the City'' HBO

Lead Actress In A Drama Series

Lorraine Bracco, ``The Sopranos'' HBO
Amy Brenneman,''Judging Amy'' CBS
Edie Falco, ``The Sopranos'' HBO
Julianna Margulies, ``ER'' NBC
Sela Ward, ``Once and Again'' ABC

Sydney 2000

2000 Summer Olympic Games
Sydney, Australia

Four Demons try for a shot at Olympic Gold at trials

LaMark Carter Will go for the gold this fall in Sydney

By Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

In the past 17 years, the Demon track program has produced 34 All-Americans, one national championship and countless all-conference track and field athletes.

But there has never been a Demon Olympian.

Hold on a sec...One Demon Olympian.

And for the rest of the world, it could have been much worse. Four Demons competed for the right to dance on the sport's ultimate stage at last week's Olympic trials in Sacramento. And of the four, one will get to live out his life-long dream.

A triple-jump of 55"-7" was enough to put LaMark Carter two places better than he had been in the 1996 Olympic trials. A fourth place finish four years ago kept Carter one spot from the team. This year, he finished second in the event and will represent the United States on the triple jump team in Sydney.

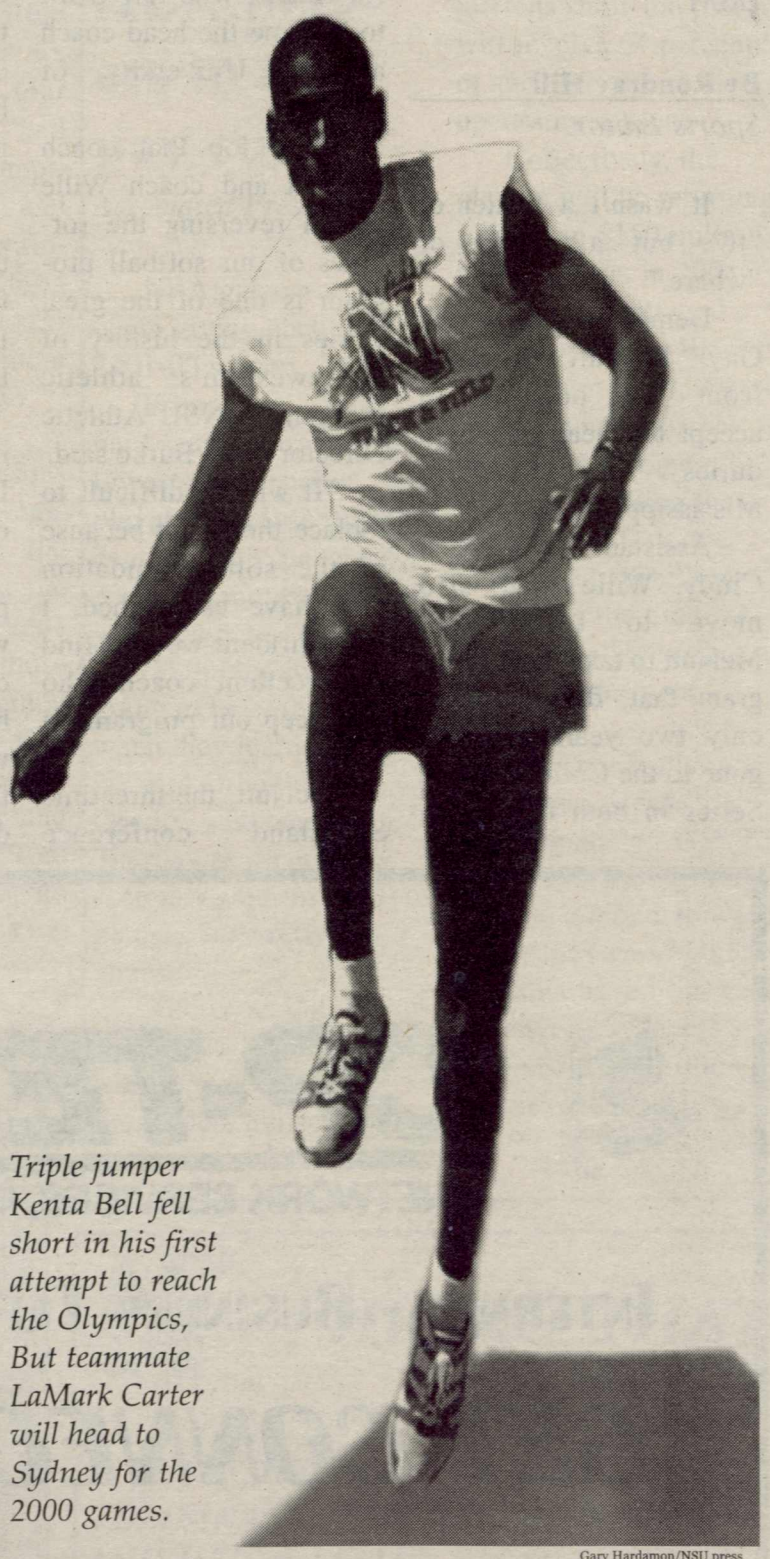
"After the fifth round, we were one inch behind, and I was seeing 1996 all over again," remarked Carter's coach Dean Johnson.

"It just came down to courage and determination moreso than ability and technique, and when the pressure was on, LaMark came through with flying colors."

Carter was bested only by Robert Howard, who jumped 55"-9'.

Carter's teammate Kenta Bell fell short in his first attempt to make the Olympics. The All-American finished the meet with a jump of 52"-10, good enough for a 10th place finish.

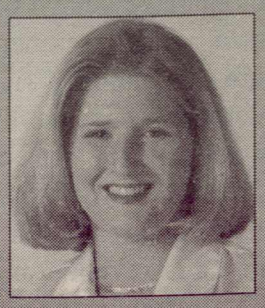
The Demons were also represented with two young javelin stars, Regina Roe and Latrell Fredreick. Fredrick finished the javelin with a throw of 215"-1 while Roe ended the meet with a final throw of 131"-9".



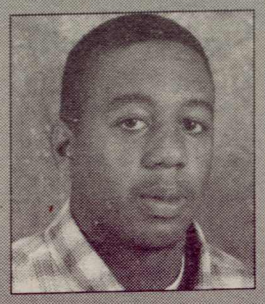
Triple jumper Kenta Bell fell short in his first attempt to reach the Olympics, But teammate LaMark Carter will head to Sydney for the 2000 games.

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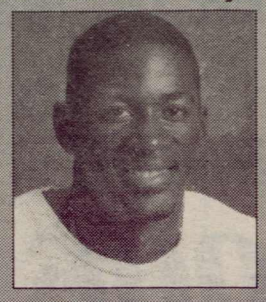
Demon finishes at the 2000 Olympic trials



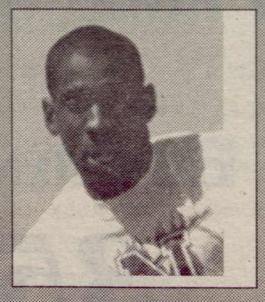
Regina Roe
28th-Javelin
131"-9'



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27th Javelin
215"-1'



LaMark Carter
2nd Triple Jump
55"-7"



Kenta Bell
11th Triple
Jump 52"-10'

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McNutt resigns; accepts post at Southern Mississippi

■ ***Assistant Cindy Wille to join McNutt at USM***

By Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

It wasn't a matter of "if", but a matter of "where."

Demon softball coach Gay McNutt resigned from her position to accept the head coaching duties at Southern Mississippi.

Assistant head coach Cindy Wille will also move to USM with McNutt to take over a program that, despite being only two years old, has gone to the College World Series in both those seasons.

McNutt will replace Lu Harris, who left USM to become the head coach at the University of Georgia.

"The job that coach McNutt and coach Wille did in reversing the fortunes of our softball program is one of the great stories in the history of Northwestern's athletic program," NSU Athletic Director Greg Burke said.

"It will be difficult to replace them, but because of the solid foundation they have established, I am confident we will find an excellent coach who will keep our program on track."

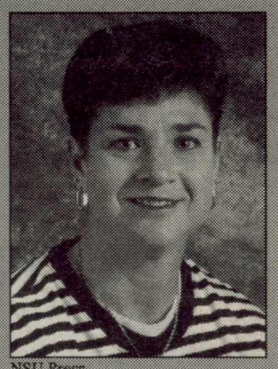
McNutt, the threetime Southland conference coach of the year, has three conference championships and two NCAA tournament berths to her credit. Her Demon squad has only 14 losses compared to 64 in southland conference play.

There was some speculation that McNutt would take a coaching position at LSU. She interviewed for the job last week.

No successor has been named, but the Athletic Department hopes to find one as soon as possible.

"It is important for our program and the players who have been a vital part of our success that we can hire an individual who will continue to win on the field and also stress academics and citizenship much like coach McNutt," Burke said.

"Our new coach will be able to combine those two groups and keep NSU on a highly-competitive level. Next spring, we would like to celebrate a fourth straight SLC championship and return to the NCAA Tournament," .



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Gay McNutt: Demon Head Softball Coach

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CenturyTel buys name rights to new arena; may move conference tournament

Associated Press

The Southland conference Men's and Women's basketball tournaments could have a new home soon.

Talks between the conference and title sponsor CentruyTel have begun about the posibility of moving the tournament to the brand new CenturyTel Arena in Bossier City.

A four-year deal between the conference and CenturyTell is being discussed, with money being the key issue.

The Monroe-based communications company, signed a 10-year, $5 million agreement between CenturyTel and the city, the arena will be renamed CenturyTel Center. Woodmont Boulevard, the road alongside the arena, will be renamed CenturyTel Center Drive.

The arrangement also means that everything from cups and napkins to scoreboards and signage will display the building's new logo.

City officials and arena managers have been working since October to secure the naming rights agreement. The moniker was not a financial necessity for the facility to survive, officials said, but the name adds revenue and a way to introduce the arena to the nation.

Former Demon takes the helm at Notre Dame



Ex-Demon Mike Brey at the press conference announing him as the 17th Fighting Irish head coach. Associated Press

Mike Brey Becomes head man at Notre Dame

Associated Press

Mike Brey, whose teams at the University of Delaware won an unprecedented 20 or more games and earned postseason bids each of the last three seasons, has been named the 17th head men's basketball coach at the University of Notre Dame.

"Mike Brey brings to Notre Dame ceverything you'd like to see in a college basketball head coach," said Notre Dame director of athletics Kevin White

"His experiences along the way -- at De Matha, at Duke and at Delaware -- provide him with a tremendous background for what he will encounter at Notre Dame. Of course, I talked to dozens of coaches and administrators as well as select others throughout this process, and there wasn't a single person who didn't have the highest regard for Mike both professionally and personally."

A standout guard, Brey played three seasons at Northwestern State University, leading the team in assists and steals from 1979 to 1981. After transferring to George Washington, he played for the Colonials as a senior, was named team captain and won team MVP honors.

Brey served under coach Mike Krzyzewski for eight seasons at Duke beginning in 1987-88. During that time, he saw the Blue Devils advance to six NCAA Final Fours, four national title games and claim the NCAA championship in both 1991 and 1992. The Blue Devils finished a combined 216-65 (.769) during his eight seasons and won 24 or more games in seven of those seasons.

In Brey's five seasons with the Blue Hens, Delaware ranked as the only team to finish in the top half of the league standings in each of those seasons. His .656 winning percentage in those five seasons ranks as the second best in the country (behind only Michigan State's Tom Izzo) among those Division I head coaches who took over in 1995-96.

Time to pinch pennies; NBA players to take pay cut

Associated Press

NBA players will begin giving back in the 2001-02 season.

From the highest-paid superstars to the lowest-paid rookie, the players will lose 10 percent of their paychecks. And the money will be going back to the league.

``I think players are going to be really upset when they learn about it," said Orlando's Pat Garrity, who was elected Tuesday as the union's secretary-treasurer. ``Ten percent is a pretty big chunk."

Known as the escrow tax, the 10 percent giveback was agreed to by the players during negotiations to end the 1998-99 lockout.

The tax would be triggered only if players received more than 55 percent of basketball-related income. But projections show the players will receive 64 percent of such income in the upcoming season.

Collectively, the players will be returning more than $150 million to the owners in 2001-02. The tax will stay in effect for the 2002-03 and 2003-04 seasons under current basketball-income projections, meaning the players will fork over close to a half-billion dollars by the time the six-year collective bargaining agreement expires.

``It's not really something people are thinking about," Garrity said, ``But the comfort is that the alternative was a hard salary cap." which wouldn't have been good for anyone." Players received $1.38 billion in salaries and benefits during the 1999-00 season.

Golf tournament to help Lady Demon basketball looking for participants

NSU Sports Informantion

Entries are being accepted for the Aug. 5 Don't Die Wondering Classic XII scramble golf tournament, which generates support for the Northwestern State Lady Demon basketball program.

The event will be held at Northwestern Hills golf course on the La. 1 bypass and will be the first tournament to utilize the newly developed back nine holes of the 18-hole layout.

Any player who makes an ace on the par-3, 168-yard 10th hole will win a 2001 Buick Century automobile from Foy Motors in Many. Any ace made in the tournament will be rewarded with prizes ranging from golf equipment to trips to resort locations.

Four-person teams may enter, with a $60 per player entry fee that covers greens fees, a commemorative cap, a baked chicken lunch and shots at the Foy Motors Hole-in-One Shootout. Individual entries are also welcome. Rental carts are available. Tee times are 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Merchandise prizes will be awarded to six different teams with competition in low gross and low net handicap divisions. Putting, closest-to-the hole and most accurate drive contests will also be held.

To enter or for more information, call Coach James Smith at 357-5891, Doug Ireland at 357-6467 or David Stamey at 357-1262.

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- Southwest Texas State coach Bob DeBesse about Demon Runningback Tony Taylor .

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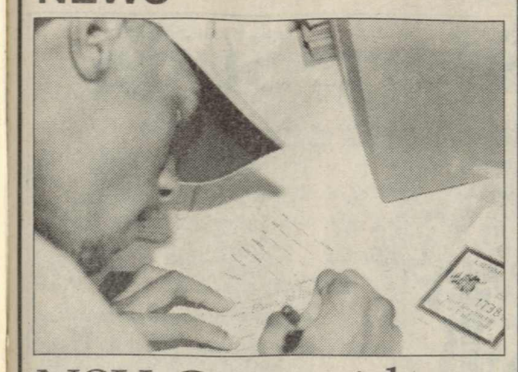
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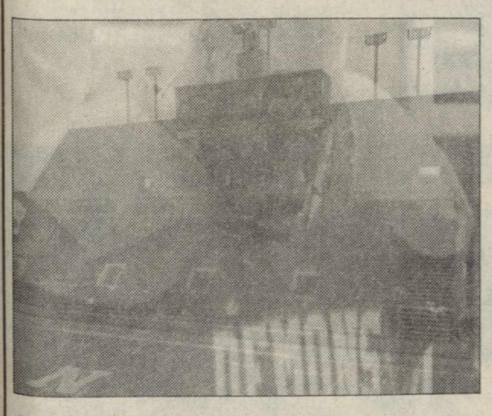
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Fall enrollment could break University record

By Josh Beavers
Editor

Northwestern's fall 2000 enrollment could be the University's highest ever, according to NSU Registrar Lillie Frazier Bell.

While Bell said that official numbers would not become available for another two weeks, she expects this year's enrollment to surpass the previous record of 9,040 set during the fall 1995 semester.

"We do not know for sure at the moment," Bell said. "But our projection is that we should break the record."

One reason for the expected increase is due in part to the largest freshman class in school history and the school's increased retention rate for last year's freshmen.

The number of Northwestern State University freshmen who returned for their sophomore year rose from 62.4 percent in the fall of 1995 to 69 percent last fall, more than any other school in the University of Louisiana System.

University President Randall J. Webb said there are many reasons why this year's enrollment is expected to be so high. Some include the number of accredited programs, a solid sports program, the caliber of faculty and a safer environment than some schools.

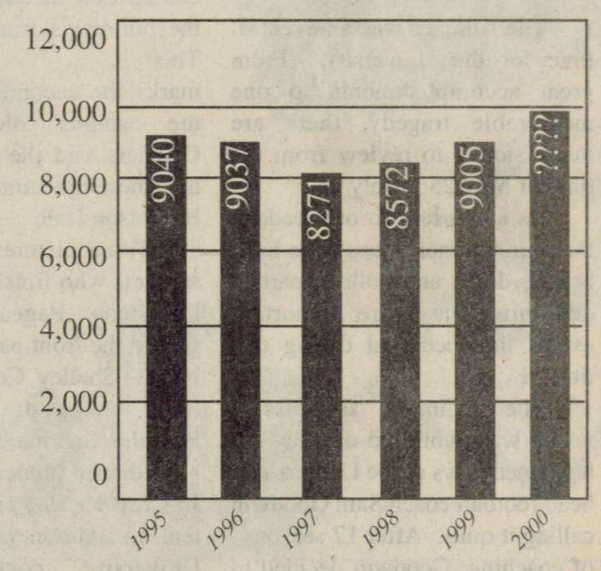
"Northwestern is becoming a more and more and more appealing place to go to school all the time," Webb said. "I believe that students are choosing us and staying with us because of the people who work here. The people of Northwestern truly care about the students, and I think the students can feel that."

This summer's Freshman Connection program accomodated 1,204 incoming freshmen, the most ever in the program's history. Another 425 freshmen who did not take part in the summer event participated in the new student orientation program held earlier in the week.

Director of New Student Activities Reatha Cox believes the reason for the increased number of freshman and the subsequent retention of those students is due in part to campus and community organizations getting more involved in University affairs.

"We have quite a few programs and seminars to make the freshman transition easier because one of the most critical times for freshmen is the first two weeks.," Cox said. Because Freshmen Connection sessions were so successful socially, Cox expects students to become more involved with campus life.

Fall Enrollment 1995-2000



Numbers have remained steady over the past five years except for a sharp decrease in the 97 and 98 semesters.

source: NSU Press



New roomates Jennifer Barbier (left) and Kimberly Aromy (right) meet for the first time as they moved into their Sabine Dorm room Sunday. Living with new people is just one of the things that many freshmen have to deal with upon entering college. Programs at the University have been created to ease that process. Fro example, Aromy and Kimberly Wallace (background) met diring Freshman Connection

Fears and the solutions that go with them

Every freshman class goes through the same problems. Seniors of NSU today can probably think back to a time when they were fresh out of high school and here at for the first time.

Some questions that they probably asked were: Where is my class? Who is my advisor? Should I go Greek? and so on. Questions such as these were probably asked by all at some point in the first few weeks of school.

Like the freshman class of 1997, who will be graduating in a few short months, the incoming freshman class has

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Everyone did their part with the moving this Sunday. Including this 5-year-old boy who is the cousin of a incoming freshman.

STORY BY JOSH BEAVERS, PHOTOGRAPHY BY COURTNEY PAYNE

Tuition hike not as much as some believed

By Josh Beavers
Editor

Individuals believing that school tuition was to increase by $500 this year can put their worries to rest. A mere incident of miscommunication occurred between the students and the administration.

All full-time University students received a letter this summer telling of a new tuition increase. The letter stated that the University had increased current tuition by $250 per academic year, not per semester.

Some students read the letter and believed that the increase was for $250 in the fall and spring, not the true amount of $123 each semester.

"If there was a miscommunication somewhere, I apologize," University President Randall J. Webb said. "While students think in terms of semester to semester, administration thinks on a yearly basis. I can see how someone might get confused."

The tuition increase came as the result of a special session of the Louisiana Legislature where Northwestern and other state colleges and universities were authorized to raise tuition up to $250 to offset the rising costs of education. The state funded tuition program, TOPS, will also increase with the tuition hike.

The amount of $1.9 million is expected to be generated from the increase, and the money will be used to aid in the areas of instruction, academic support, student services and maintenance of the University's physical plant.

The University has not increased tuition since 1993.

National organizations warn of fatal diseases on college campuses

By Windy S. La'Borde
Sauce Reporter

Flyers and brochures were recently mailed out to students as a precautionary measure to inform them of risk factors associated with hepatitis and meningitis. The recent notices were sent in compliance with distribution requirements of the Center for Disease Control and the American College Health Association. One reason for the requirement is the increased risk level for college students contracting hepatitis and menengeococcal meningitis.

Research done by the ACHA discloses reasons why college students are at a higher risk of contracting hepatitis. Seventy-five percent of reported cases occur between ages 15 and 39. Many are at risk of exposure to body fluids and affected blood during contact sports. Students who travel abroad may come in contact with high risk areas. Medical students are at risk in coming in contact with infected materials. Higher risk levels are also involved for those living in close housing quarters and for those participating in sexual acts.

Recent evidence found students residing in campus dormitories to be at a higher risk for meningococcal meningitis. Further research recently released by the CDC shows freshman living in dorms have a six times higher risk for contracting meningococcal meningitis disease than do students living off campus.

Early symptoms of meningococcal meningitis include high fever, severe headache, stiff neck, nausea and vomiting, lethargy and a rapidly progressing rash. Most often, these symptoms are mistaken for the flu.

"Meningitis... is one of the few (diseases) where someone can be completely well and within 24 hours be dead," said Nancy Rosenstein of the CDC.

About ten percent of people carry the bacteria in their throats. Usually nothing happens when these people cough and spray the bacteria into other people's breathing space. Healthy immune systems produce antibodies to protect people. On the other hand, factors promoting an easier entrance into the blood stream do exist.

These factors include alcohol, exposure to cigarette smoke, upper respiratory infections and geographic diversity on campuses. Crowded conditions also promote the passage of this bacteria from one person to another.

The bacteria that causes meningitis produces a protein responsible for making blood vessels dilate and leak. This reduces blood flow to the major organs and extremities.

Campus

The summer that was at NSU

By Raymond Williams
Senior Sauce Reporter

The summer was an eventful time for the University. From great accomplishments to one memorable tragedy, there are many stories to review from the time of May 25 to July 26.

As a courtesy to our readers, the four summer issues have been broken down and pulled apart to determine the more important events that occurred during this time.

The summer's first issue, which was published on May 25, headlined news of the University's head football coach Sam Goodwin calling it quits. After 17 seasons of coaching, Goodwin decided to accept the position of athletic director at Henderson State, his alma mater. Goodwin said age played a big part in his decision. He has accomplished the credentials of being the winningest coach in Northwestern State and Southland Conference history.

Other news included the announcement of the Taylor Home, recognizable from the movie *Steel Magnolias*, being put up for sale. The 5,000 plus square-foot home stands at 320 Jefferson St. and serves as one of Natchitoches' best-known landmarks.

Henry Taylor and wife, who now occupy the home, were asking $600, 000 for it.

In terms of sports, the University saw its Demon baseball team make the finals, but they fell short by one point to the University of Louisiana at Monroe. If the Demons had won this game, they would have advanced to the 2000 Southland Conference Tournament Championship game. The Demons ended their season with a 30-26 record.

Also, the Demon softball season ended with two loses in the NCAA Softball Regional held in Baton Rouge. The sixth seeded Demons lost first to LSU with a score of 7 to 1 and then to Oregon with a score of 4 to 1. The softball team ended their season with a record of 41-19.

The second issue headlined the appointment of Steve Roberts as the new head football coach. Over forty coaches applied for the position. Of the six finalists brought to the University to be interviewed, Roberts was the only applicant with no former ties to the University. A 12-member panel of university officials, coaches and players selected Roberts.

A story of tragedy also shared the front page of this issue. Janet Goodwin, the wife of former Demon football coach Sam Goodwin, suffered a massive heart attack on June 11. Goodwin later died, leaving the University stricken with grief.

Alleged date rape charges brought against University student Adam Breedlove, 19, were dropped by Natchitoches Parish District Attorney Van Kyzar due to a lack of evidence. A 22-year-old female alleged that Breedlove had drugged her at a local bar on the night of April 17 with the 'date rape' drug Rohypnol. She said after being taken home by Breedlove, she passed out and awoke to him having sex with her. Charges were dropped after blood tests revealed no sign of Rohypnol or any other drug in her system.

On the academic side, University bachelor degree programs in art and graphic communications and master degree program in studio art earned accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Art and Design.

A small fire that occurred on May 24 did little damage to the women's old gym. Physical plant officials said the fire started earlier in the day when combustible material in the rear of the building's frame caught fire. This marks the second fire to plague the campus' oldest building. Officials said the fire would not halt the renovation efforts of Lee H. Nelson Hall.

Three pictures of university students who finished in the Miss Louisiana Pageant's top ten graced the front pages of the third issue. Shelley Colvin placed as first runner-up; Lady of the Bracelet Sabrina Plaissance was named third runner up, and Casey Jo Crowder also placed in the top ten. In addition, one of two other University contestants also received recognition. Lakeisha Harris received a non-finalist talent award while Miss NSU Amber Rhyne did not earn an award.

Information of the new admission policy also made the front page of this issue.

The university implemented a new admissions standard that will apply to incoming freshman in the fall of 2001. Incoming freshman desiring a four-year degree will be required to score a composite score of at least 18 on the ACT or 850 on the SAT. Also, they must earn an overall high school GPA of at least a 2.5 or receive a talent related or performance scholarship from the University.

Other news included the announcement of Ray Wallace's resignation. Wallace was head of the department of language and communication and professor of English.

He decided to leave the University to take the position of dean of the arts and sciences for Troy State at Montgomery.

The final issue of the summer told of several changes to the University in preparation for the fall. The overhaul of the University air conditioning stations on campus was the headlining story. Three of the four stations underwent revamping to provide more cooling power to classrooms, offices and dormitories across campus. The summer heat and the age of the cooling stations brought on this undertaking.

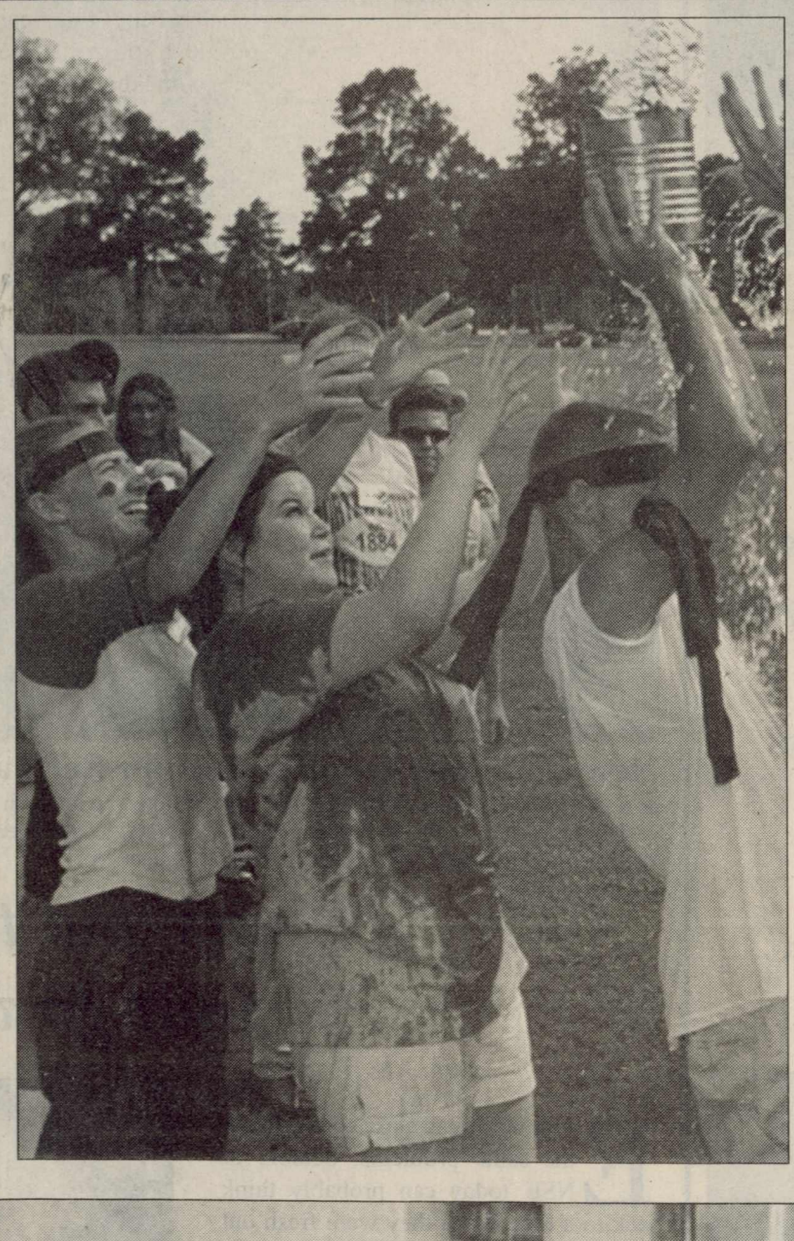
Also, Bossier Hall was slated to turn into a co-ed dormitory for the fall semester. This will make Bossier Hall the third dorm on campus to house both male and female students. Lack of dorm rooms to house the increased number of female students caused the once male-only dorm to become co-ed. The number of freshman students on campus is over three times that of males.

The university began strictly enforcing the Selective Service rule for the fall of 2000. University Registrar Lillie Bell said the policy has always been in effect, but the University is enforcing it differently now. The policy supports a federal act that requires all males between the age of 18 and 25 to register with Selective Services before entering college.

The number of University freshman who returned for their sophomore year has rose by 6.6 percent, more than any other school in the University of Louisiana System. According to a press release from the University of Louisiana System, the University's retention rate was 69 percent in the fall of 1999.

Four Demon athletes competed for a shot in the Olympic trials. These students included Regina Row, Latrell Fredrick, LaMark Carter and Kenta Bell. Of these four, only one of them will actually go on to compete at the Olympics in Sydney, Australia. Carter, a triple jumper, will have his chance to compete for the gold in Sydney this fall.





Many events shaped the three summer months at Northwestern. Veternan football coach Sam Goodwin (Top) retired at the beginning of the summer and a few days later lost his dear wife, Janet. Freshman Connection (left) saw its largest attendance ever and continued in its tradition of mixing fun and education to help incoming students. The theatre program brought a female version of Neil Simon's classic The Odd Couple to campus to entertain the few students who attended summer school.

Photos by Gary Hardamon and Courtney Payne



Campus

Hang tags to solve problems

By Windy S. La'Borde
Sauce Reporter

Northwestern State University has issued hangtags as a new type of parking permit in an effort to improve upon the parking situation on campus.

The hangtags are a pilot project started by a student group in one of John Foster's classes. The idea was researched and approved by police traffic control and the Student Government Association.

"The reasons for the hang tags are that people don't like affixing things to their vehicles," Carl P. Henry, III, director of student activities and organizations, said. "There have also been some problems with students bringing different cars to campus and not having time to get temporary tags for them. The hang tags are transferrable."

"I believe that the hang tags will dramatically cut down on the amount of tickets and appeals."

David Gunn
SGA President

As a result, this means that students cannot appeal a ticket because they forgot their hang tag.

"I believe that the hang tags will dramatically cut down on the amount of tickets and appeals," David Gunn, president of SGA, said.

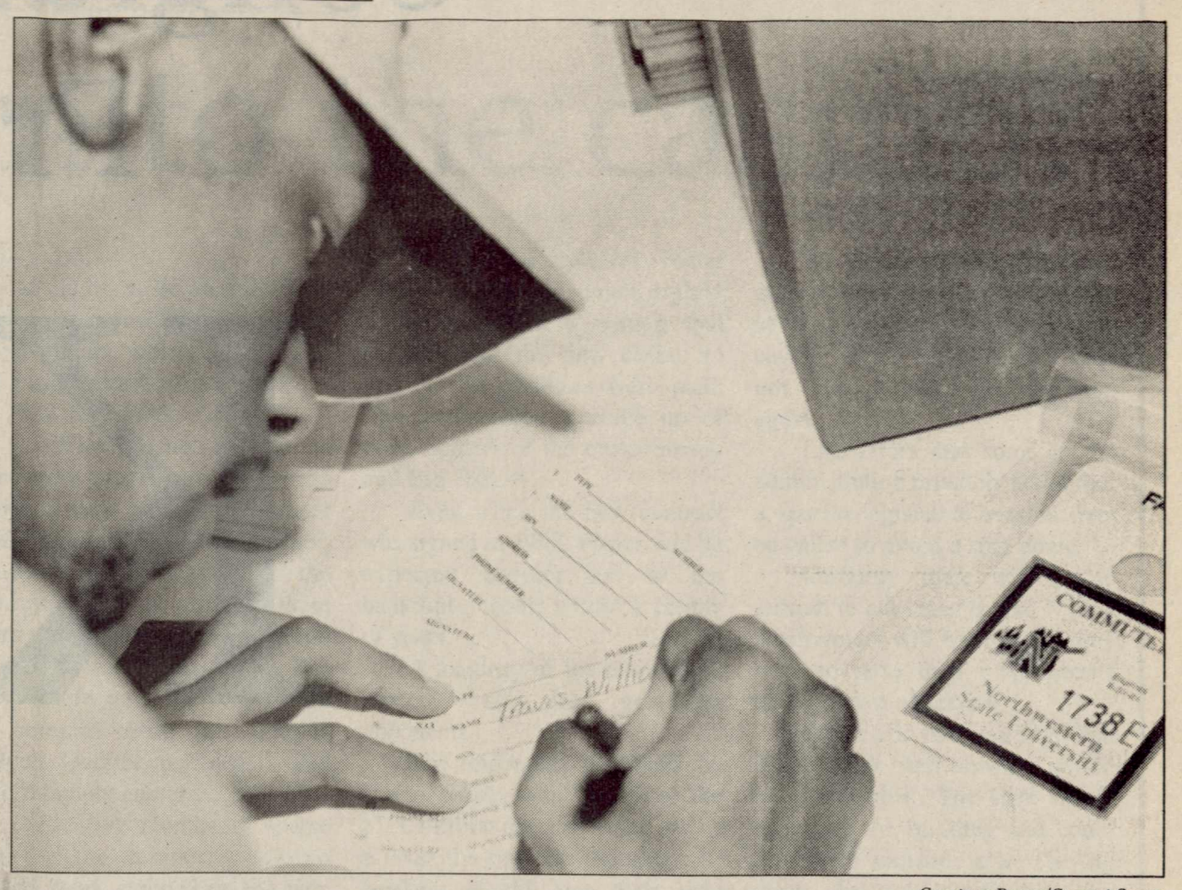
Students, faculty and commuters will have to obtain these hang tags for a fee of $25 per academic year and display them on the rear view mirrors of their vehicles.

The tags can only be displayed on the dashboard in the event that the rear view mirror is missing. This applies primarily to people with motorcycles.

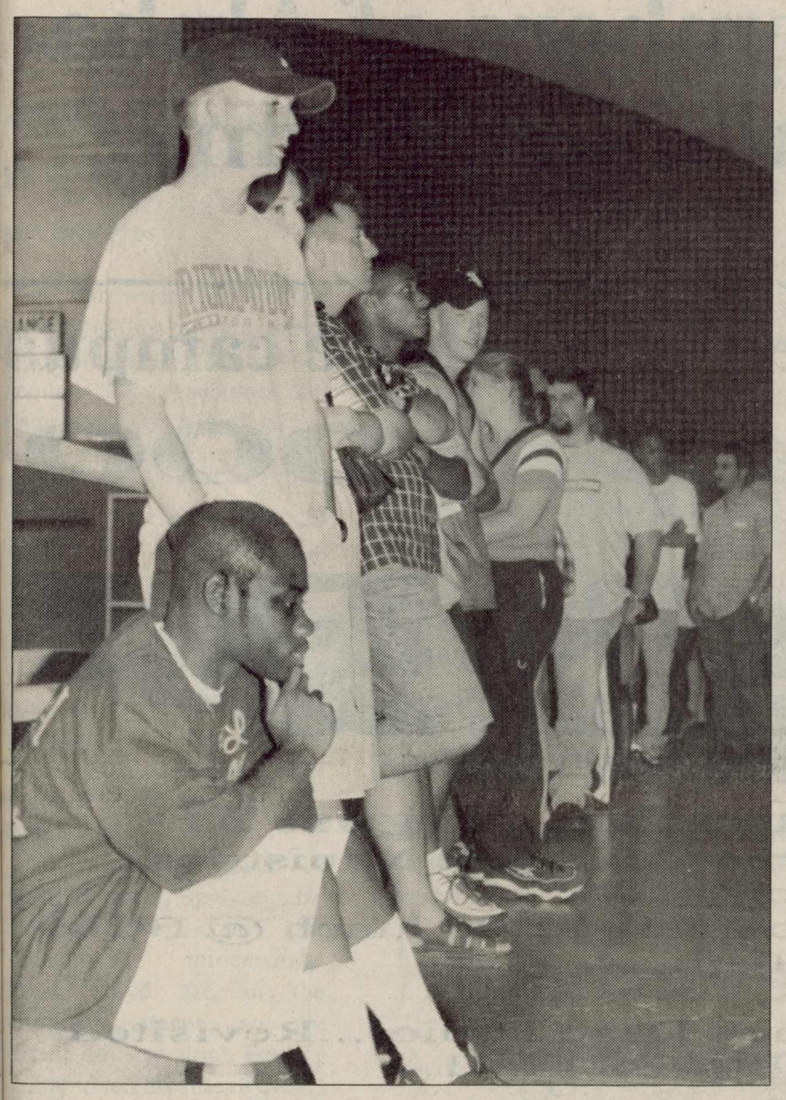
"Familiarize yourself with the brochure, and you will save yourself a lot of time and probably money, too," Gunn said.

According to Detective Doug Prescott, there has recently been incidents of hang tags being forged. Needless to say, this is illegal.

"If we find a forged hang tag, the person will be arrested, and their computers, printers, copiers, etc. will be seized for evidence," Prescott said. "They will have to go to court to face a felony offense, and they will face disciplinary action by the University."



Courtney Payne/Current Sauce
Travis Williams fills out a registration card for his parking hangtag during fee payment. University officials hope that the hang tags will take care of parking problems in the past.



Payment has improved, students say

By Stephanie Danby
Senior Sauce Reporter

Fall 2000 fee payment got an A+ from many University students.

Most upperclassmen said shorter lines and a "faster flow" made this semester's fee payment a more enjoyable experience than those of the past.

"It was much better this year because you got through the fee payment lines quicker," Lorene Miles, senior general studies major, said. "I think sticking to the rules and going by the last name really made a difference."

Several students claimed that the biggest difference of all was a more organized fee payment process.

"This fee payment seems more organized because they tell you exactly where to go," Stephanie Johnson, junior social work major, said. "They also tell you if your loan is in when you register. That way you don't have to sit in the loan line to see if it's here and, if it's not here, go back to the financial aid table to get your book voucher. So, it's a lot more organized this year."

First time freshman of the University also appreciated the organization in this semester's fee payment.

"It's been pretty easy to navigate through," Lisa Mitchell, freshman journalism major, said. "Most freshman can probably find their way through it without too much help from the upperclassmen."

Although the majority of University students believe this semester's fee payment was the most organized so far, how does it compare to the fee payment process at other universities?

John Terry, a transfer student from Kansas State University, said the University's fee payment is organized a little differently than it is at Kansas State, but after all, different is better.

"It moves a little bit faster than at Kansas State, but Kansas State has a lot more people," Terry, junior business management major, said. "It's gone smooth so far, so I can't complain."

The success of this semester's fee payment is credited to the fee payment staff and a few minor changes made in the fee payment process.

"We're staggering our lunch breaks and trying to keep as many cashiers as we can working," Lynda Lowry, business affairs computer support analyst, said.

"We're trying to get the students out as fast as we can, and so far, I think it's going fairly well."

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Business Affairs

Courtney Payne/Current Sauce
Long lines like this have been a rarity during this year's fee payment process at Prather Coliseum. Officials have implemented a new strategy for dealing with the crowds and many seem to like the new system. Fee payment ends Friday.

Opinions page to start next week

The Current Sauce staff has just recently hired an opinions page editor and the opinions page will begin next week. All letters to the editor or other opinons that anyone wishes to be published can be sent to *The Current Sauce* at our e-mail site, currentsauce@hotmail.com, care of Mary Freeman. Mary is a senior journalism major with good ideas and strong opinions. She should bring something fresh and new to the section. Be sure to read next week.

Freshmen continued from page 1

fears yet they are anxious to get out and see what the world has in store for them.

"It will take a little getting used to," Jennifer Barbier, a freshman from Iota said. "I've been away from home before, but not like this."

Luckily, this year's freshmen group has a whole team of University personnel trained and ready to make the transition to college life a little easier. Getting freshman more involved has been one of the goals of Reatha Cox, director of new student programs, since she has been at NSU.

"The first two weeks of a freshman's time here is the most critical," Cox said. "That is why we have made the new programs to help them through that 14 day period."

The helping process began this summer with Freshman Connection and started up again Sunday with campus move in day. The freshman had help getting acquainted and moved into the dorms.

Many faculty and staff members, along with a variety of representatives from different school organizations, braved the 100 degree heat and came out Sunday to assist in the moving process. Some of the people who assisted ranged from University vice presidents to math and science professors to members of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. There were over 30 people to help the freshman move in at Sabine Hall alone, and the freshmen and their parents were grateful for the help.

"As soon as we pulled up our car was unloaded in five minutes," Debbie Margie, a parent from Shreveport, said. "They got everything inside and to the room, and we didn't have to do a thing."

University President Randall J. Webb, now in his fifth year as school president, has made this a tradition in all of his years at NSU. "I have done this in all of my time here," Webb said. "We want them [freshmen] to feel at home and be able to get through the move smoothly."

The Student Activities Board has also made an effort to get freshmen involved and comfortable with their new surroundings by sponsoring a two-week series of events full of helpful social and educational advice.

The program began last Sunday with a Wesley Westminster Foundation free cookout and will end Saturday, Sept. 2 when the NSU Demons take on the Southern Jaguars.

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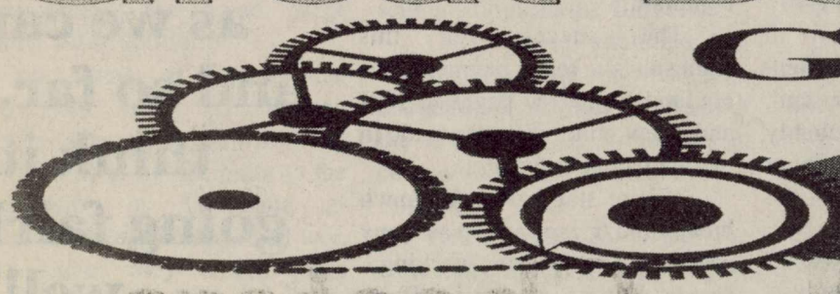
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Look for Great Beginnings events advertised around the campus

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GET IN GEAR!

Thursday, August 24
New Student Social
Street Dance & Singled Out
8-11pm In Front of Student Union

Friday, August 25
Volleyball Bash
Music & Volleyball games
6pm - 8pm
In front of Iberville

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Monday, August 28
Roommate Game
See how well you know your roommate!!
Win Prizes! Student Union In the Alley
7:00pm

"Who wants to be $100 Richer?"
Student Activities Board
Coffee House @ 8:00pm
Just like the game show! Answer trivia questions and win money!
Free coffee, pastries and door prizes.
Student Union In the Alley

Tuesday, August 29
PLAY FAIR
More than just an entertaining event-you will leave with a ton of new friends!
FREE PIZZA & COKES!
Student Union Ballroom 7:00pm

Wednesday, August 30
Making College Count
Start early on a successful college career!
Get tips and info on how to make the most of your college experience!!
Student Union Ballroom
1:00pm and 7:00pm

All Campus Worship
Turpin Stadium @ 8:30pm
Everyone is welcome!
Worship & Fun!

Thursday, August 31
Baptist Collegiate Ministries Lunch
Encounter--$1.00 lunch @ BCM
11:00am

Demon Daze Follies...Revisited!
4pm ROTC Field

Summer Splash!
4-7pm @ Rec Complex
Swimming & fun in the sun at the Complex--Shuttle buses will be provided from Iberville & Demon Daze Follies

Friday, September 1
Profyle Concert--Prather Coliseum
7:00pm
R&B group will perform with opening act Cap 1. Free for NSU students & $5.00 for non-students. Tickets will go on sale @ 5:30 at Prather Coliseum.

"Demons Come out at Night"
Pep Rally
10:00pm @ Turpin Stadium
Don't miss the first pep rally of the year!!

Saturday, September 2
NSU Demons VS. Southern University
Turpin Stadium--6:00pm
*Don't forget to pick up your ticket early during the week at the field house.

Freshman Factor - Any freshmen who are interested in getting involved are invited to join. First meeting is Tuesday, September 5 at 7 p.m. in the Cane River Room of the Student Union.

State

What will happen to the casino?

Associated Press

The gambling industry did not get where it did by gambling. Wagering is strictly for the customers. And that's why the New Orleans casino
is looking to the tax payers for help.

No one should be surprised because everyone from Gov. Mike Foster down to grounds keepers at the Capitol knew this was coming.

Boxed in by the high rolling, entertainment-driven palaces of the new Mississippi Gold Coast on one side and by successful riverboat operations along the Louisiana-Texas border, the New Orleans casino has been unable to bring in the tourists.

Oh, people are going to the casino, but not in enough numbers to make the profits rise to stockholders' expectations. Why? Because $100 million a year of casino money is siphoned off for the state. That state tax is a major part of the casino's big debt.

Foster and legislators suspected profits would be low when a new casino contract was signed. That's why the contract included a key provision: The casino must have a guarantor, a sugar daddy willing in writing to pay the state the $100 million in case the dice palace folded.

To get the casino going, the minority partner, Harrah's Entertainment, known by state officials as ``Big Harrah's,'' agreed to be the guarantor.

The guarantee runs out next March and, unless profits start soaring, any business would be really gambling to sign off on a new guarantee.

The state gambling board was told last week that still another provision of the contract is not being met: The casino must show, at the beginning of each quarter, that it can handle its debts for the next 12 months.

As of July 1, the casino owner, JCC Holding Co., did not have documentation that debts can be handled over a year's time.

The company must prove it can handle the debt load, most of it the money owed to the state, at a September meeting. If it cannot satisfy the board, then default action is taken.

What that means:

The casino will then have about seven months to cure its problem, maybe even restructure its debt.

Enter the taxpayers.

There has been talk for months about asking the Legislature to reduce the $100 million tax.

It's going to be an interesting selling job, considering the state's fiscal posture, which is lousy, and the casino's track record.

For the record:

The casino opened in temporary quarters in May 1995 while a new palace was under construction. The owner, Harrah's Jazz, expected the tourists to flock in, although there were no big name entertainers and no grade-A restaurants inside. The state would not allow the casino to compete with the famous French Quarter restaurants and entertainment centers.

After five months of sparse crowds, the temporary casino closed, work stopped on the new building and Harrah's Jazz ran for bankruptcy protection.

Louisiana creditors were left holding an empty bag.

To save the creditors, Foster agreed to a new contract, tightly drawn with a new owner, that would allow the new casino to open if the creditors were paid. The new owner is made up of bond holders of the old company and Big Harrah's.

Even when the new contract was signed in 1998, Foster said he expected another run to the bankruptcy court within a couple of years.

A majority of the Legislature agreed, as did gambling opponents.

The opponents predicted the casino would want to lower the $100 million tax and would use as a lever the cry that thousands of workers would lose their jobs without a
lower tax.

That's the way it seems to be playing out.

So, some gambler with $100 million must step forward before March 31 and guarantee the casino debts. Big Harrah's may not want to take the big step again.

Legislators and some in the administration privately admit that a special legislative session may be called to avoid a shut down.

Certainly, there will be no session to cut taxes before Nov. 7 when voters will be asked if they want to raise their own income taxes to save education.

Foster said two years ago that if the casino shut down, it would be no big deal. The state would still have the building and could lease it to someone else. The big thing, he said, was that the Louisiana creditors got paid.

The governor has not been using that line lately.

Victim of road rage remains in a coma

Associated Press

A man beaten in June by another motorist after a minor crash on Interstate 49 remains in a coma and prosecutors are unsure how that will affect criminal proceedings against his attacker.

Chris Ecker, 29, of Mansfield is at LSU Hospital in Shreveport and his attacker, Governor Floyd, is out of jail on bond.

Chris Ecker's sister, Mary Ecker, says her brother suffered brain damage in the June 28 attack. She said he has developed an infection and runs a high fever.

``He's lost a bunch of weight. He's not responding. He doesn't move,'' she said.

Criminal proceedings against Floyd are in the preliminary stages, so it's difficult to say how Ecker's inability to tell his side of events will affect the process, according to the Caddo Parish district attorney's office.

Floyd's arraignment is scheduled for Sept. 7.

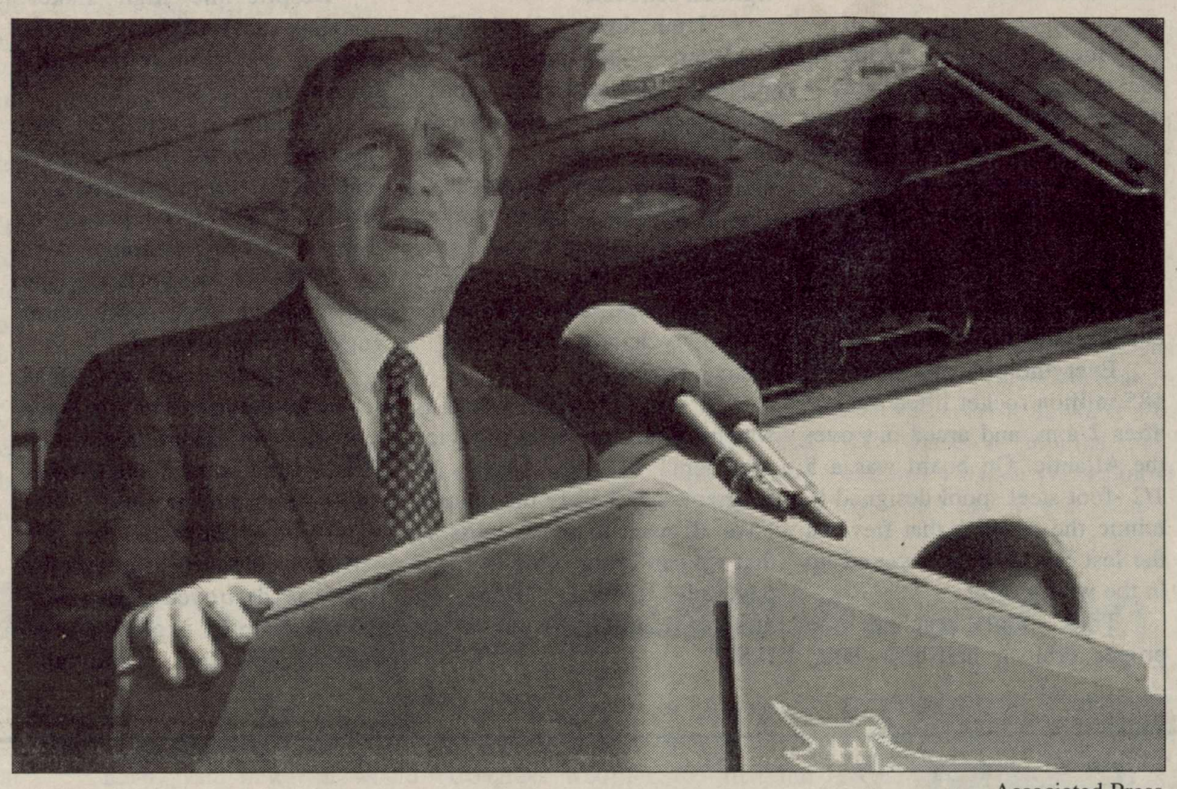
Floyd, 37, of Shreveport was cited for hit and run and charged with second-degree battery, a felony.

Floyd says Ecker cut him off going southbound on Interstate 49, causing him to hit the back of Ecker's car. The two drivers then pulled over onto the shoulder.

Detectives say Ecker apparently pushed Floyd, prompting him to grab Ecker and beat him on the pavement.

Police say several witnesses alerted police and that Floyd chased one witness's vehicle into a business parking lot, where he was later arrested.

Floyd also faces charges of hit and run, driving with a suspended license and careless operation of a vehicle in connection with another rear-end crash that happened on June 3 in Shreveport. Nobody was injured in that accident.



Associated Press

Texas Governor George W. Bush will visit the city of New Orleans today to speak at Dillard University. He will be speaking on education at Dillard. Local parents, students and teachers are invited to attend. After his speech, Bush will continue on with his campaign when he flies out to Florida from New Orleans.

Bush to speak in New Orleans today

Associated Press

Gov. George W. Bush will visit the city Thursday to speak at Dillard University and attend a fundraising lunch.

Bush will participate in a forum on education at Dillard starting at 10:30 a.m. Local educational leaders, parents and students will be invited to attend, but the event will not
be open to the general public, said Silvia Ferroni, a campaign spokesman.

Bush is then scheduled to appear at the Fairmont Hotel at 11:30 a.m. for the fundraiser. The lunch costs $1,000 per person for personal supporters, and $2,500 per person
for corporate donors.

The Texas governor has no current plans to make other campaign appearances in Louisiana, Ferroni said.

The candidate will also meet privately with local Republicans in New Orleans before flying to Florida.

Historian's slave research becomes genealogical treasure chest

Associated Press

Now 71 and a retired history professor, Gwen Midlo Hall is on a mission to shed light on America's slaves and their personal histories through thousands of pages of handwritten colonial-era documents salvaged from courthouse basements across Louisiana and as far away as France and Spain.

``We know, for example, that most blacks in America descended from West Africa, but because of Gwen's work, some people, if they're lucky enough to find their ancestors, will be able to get very specific,'' DeVore said.

Unlike the English colonies, where slave transactions were kept private between buyers and sellers, Louisiana transactions were recorded in detail and filed by notaries, often in Spanish or French, Hall said.

Her research also uncovered long-buried family secrets of slavery, like the 28-year-old slave named Kit, who she discovered was sold for $975 by sugar plantation owner Levi Foster to his in-laws in 1818.

Marsanne Golsby, the governor's spokesman, said the governor believes the CD-ROM is a great resource for those whose family histories have been obscured, but that he is being unfairly singled out.

``I don't think anybody wants to know bad things about their family's past. It's human nature,'' Golsby said. ``This was several generations back, and the man was born in 1930. There are lots of people in the South who didn't know their relatives owned slaves.''

Hall's project began in 1984 when she was a professor at Rutgers University in New Jersey doing research for her 1992 book, ``Africans in Colonial Louisiana: The Development of Afro-Creole Culture in the 18th Century.''

While searching court records in New Roads, La., she found documents written by French-speaking notaries detailing the specific African origins and ethnicities of slaves.

By the time her book was published, she had collected 3,000 slave names and was determined to expand the project. The National Endowment for the Humanities contributed to a total of $300,000 in grants.

Hall's began her search in the twilight of a career shaped by years abroad and a youthful radical bent. After dropping out of college at age 20, she moved with her first husband to Paris, but her association with political activists there led to divorce.

She moved to New York and married the late Harry Haywood Hall, an older, black radical who wrote the book ``Black Bolshevik.'' But she said her connection to him made it hard for her to find work to support their children. She claims to have FBI files proving federal agents advised her bosses to fire her and landlords to evict her, something the FBI refused to confirm or deny.

Georgia Wise, 51, was helping researchers transcribe 1,500 slave documents in Natchez, Miss., for a similar Web site database when she discovered her own family had owned slaves.

Cheaters never win

Associated Press

No Louisiana teacher _ and nobody who even applied for certification in the state _ is implicated in the cheating scandal that broke last week, state officials say.

An official from Educational Testing Service said last week that 52 would-be teachers from five states, including Louisiana, paid proctors $1,000 or more to get help and extra time on the Praxis exam.

However, it turned out that only one of those 52 people lived in Louisiana, and that person does not have a teacher's license here, said Mickey Pounders, division director of teacher standards and assessment for the state Department of Education.

``This person is not a certified teacher in Louisiana, and we have no record indicating that the person has even applied for certification in Louisiana,'' Pounders said Monday.

He said the address given to ETS was in the Shreveport area.

Louisiana is among 34 states which require a passing score on the Praxis exam for teacher certification.

Most people who plan to teach in Louisiana take the test in the state. It is given at six sites, from the University of New Orleans to LSU-Shreveport.

The pay-for-help scheme allegedly occurred at Philander Smith College in Little Rock.

ETS canceled 52 scores, and was investigating others, company spokesman Kevin Gonzalez said.

The test is given in two parts: a four-hour general knowledge exam and the teacher's specialty. Timing on the second part varies by subject.

Teachers who took the examination at Philander Smith in spring 1998 were given help and unlimited time, investigators say.

Officials gave no specifics on who was paid the money or how those being tested were helped.

ETS, a Princeton, N.J., nonprofit firm that administers the examinations worldwide, said it sent letters to teachers whose scores were canceled, as well as to education boards and institutions that may have received the test scores.

It is up to the state education departments to decide what happens to the teachers.

DNA testing clears man arrested in prostitute murder trial

ssociated Press

Authorities will drop second-egree murder charges against a an arrested in the slaying of a rostitute because DNA testing as inconclusive.

``It's not what we expected,'' ssistant East Baton Rouge Parish istrict Attorney Tony Clayton id.

DNA testing on Donald ndrews did not connect him to the murder of Tannis Walker, who was found strangled behind a business on April 17.

However, Andrews is expected to remain in jail because of ``solid'' evidence linking him to two rapes, Clayton said.

Andrews, 41, was arrested April 25 in rapes allegedly committed March 11 and April 21. In both cases, he is accused of raping the victims in an area near where at least six women, including Walker, have been found murdered in the last year.

DNA testing on other suspects, whom Clayton would not name, also has failed to connect them to any murders of women _ some of whom have been identified as prostitutes.

Police found one of the rape victims' drivers licenses in Andrews' possession at the time of his arrest, a warrant said.

Police describe one of the victims as a prostitute and said Andrews told her that if she didn't comply with his demands, he would kill her like he killed two women in the park.

Investigators got seminal fluid and sperm samples during Walker's autopsy, which was the basis of the DNA testing.

The test results did not necessarily exclude Andrews, Clayton said, but since there was nothing concrete to connect Andrews to the killing, he said he felt dropping the murder count at this point would be appropriate.

Investigators say five other cases could be related:

_Dianna Williams, 35, was found beaten to death on April 13 in North Street Park. Police have identified Williams as a prostitute.

_Patricia Hawkins, 39, was found dead May 28 behind a vacant building in an area where prostitutes often work.

_Veronica Delcourt Courtney, 44, was found dead June 8 behind an apartment complex.

_Florida Edwards, 36, was found dead Sept. 3 in an abandoned lounge.

_Shirley Mikell, 33, was found dead Oct. 16 in a wooded area.

Clayton said he has identified several other cases that may be related, but wouldn't discuss them.

Nation

Mother arrested after abandoning children

Associated Press

A woman whose three small children were found alone at a library was arrested and charged with felony child neglect.

Rosina Mack, 20, told police she wanted a break from her children and thought the library was a safe place to leave them, Virginia Beach police spokesman Mike Carey said Wednesday.

``She just dropped them off and walked away,'' Carey said. ``When we arrested her, she didn't even ask about the children. She didn't care about their whereabouts or their health. She wasn't remorseful.''

The children - 2 1/2 -year-old twin girls, Breanna and Teanna Trabal, and an 8-month-old boy, Yabriele Trabal - were placed in foster care.

``The kids appear to be well taken care of,'' said Dennis Brown, the detective who is leading the investigation. ``There's no sign of trauma or abuse.''

Mack, who moved to the area from Manassas about two weeks ago, is not listed in the phone directory, and relatives were not talking to reporters.

Police believe she is unmarried and was living with her brother and sister-in-law near the Virginia Beach Central Library. he children were left at the library on Monday afternoon, Carey said.

A large, yellow sign designates the building as a ``safe place'' where children who think they are in danger can go for help, Carey said.

It was unclear how long the children were alone before a patron found them in the adult nonfiction section and notified the staff, librarian Pat Cook said.

The girls had juice bottles and were running around, while the boy was in a stroller and had a milk bottle and a pacifier, Cook said. There were no notes or identification tags on their clothing.

``They were very sweet, very friendly babies - pretty well-behaved, considering,'' Cook said. She added they were clean except that ``the little guy needed his diaper changed in a big way.''

Mack was found in nearby Hampton on Tuesday night, after the media aired reports asking for help in identifying the children or their guardians.

She was being held without bond in the city jail pending her arraignment on three counts of felony child neglect.

Cheney questions school standards

Associated Press

Republican vice presidential candidate Dick Cheney said Tuesday the country needs high standards in schools and that government must ensure they have enough money.

``It's a soft form of discrimination, if you will, to set low standards for kids,'' he told teachers, administrators and local politicians after an education forum in the library of Kingsbury Elementary School, which he toured with his wife Lynne. ``We need high standards and high expectations.''

But while the purpose of Cheney's two-day swing through California is to promote GOP presidential nominee George W. Bush's education program, the Cheneys will spend as much time raising campaign funds for California Republicans as they will visiting schools.

Cheney, a supporter of school voucher programs that critics say will drain government funding from public schools by using it to send children to private institutions, also said government, at all levels, must make sure that schools have enough money to do the job.

``Money is not the only solution,'' he said, ``but obviously resources are a very important part of the process.''

Later Tuesday, the Cheneys will be the star attractions at two fund-raisers, including a $100-per-person reception in Ontario and a $2,500-per-couple dinner in Upland.

Cheney will also court donors in Portland, Ore., later in the week.

Most of the money is earmarked to help California GOP House members, several of whom face uphill battles for re-election as the party looks to retain its majority in Congress.

Cheney's visit is a follow-up to Bush's swing through California two weeks ago.

At the school, Cheney and his wife sat in a third-grade class as the pupils read a story about a one-room schoolhouse. He also toured the computer lab.

The 650-student school 60 miles east of Los Angeles has seen test scores improve since beginning a program that uses standardized tests to hold schools accountable for student performance. The program is similar to one begun by Bush in Texas, where he is governor.

Boeing's Delta III blasts off

Associated Press

Boeing's newest Delta III rocket successfully delivered a dummy satellite to orbit during a critical test flight Wednesday after back-to-back failures.

It was the first satisfactory launch of a Delta III. Boeing spent the past year revamping the program to prevent another embarrassing - and costly - flop.

Everything went well as the $85 million rocket lifted off just after 7 a.m. and arced out over the Atlantic. On board was a 5 1/2 -foot steel spool designed to mimic the satellite that flew on the last Delta III and wound up in the wrong orbit.

The spool reached the proper orbit a half-hour later, right on schedule.

``I am thrilled,'' said Gale Schluter, vice president of Boeing's expendable launch vehicles. ``It is a major success for us.''

Anxiety had been high among Boeing workers worked round the clock for weeks to prepare for this flight. The rocket is essential in order for Boeing to capture more of the launch market.

``I really feel the world is watching us,'' Jay Witzling, vice president of the Delta III program, said before the launch. ``We all want to see success so that we can bring some of these payloads that are flying on offshore launchers back to the U.S.''

Despite the high stakes, Witzling said he did not view the mission as ``a make-or-break'' for Boeing.

A dummy satellite was launched because the company wanted to prove the rocket's reliability and was reluctant to wait for a paying customer.

``We felt we needed to get this behind us,'' said chief engineer Rick Arvesen.

The satellite will serve some scientific purpose. The Air Force had black stripes painted on the 9,500-pound white spool to track it in orbit as part of a test.

The first Delta III, in 1998, carried a broadcasting satellite that was destroyed along with the rocket in an explosion after launch. Flawed computer software was to blame. The second flight, in 1999, left a communication satellite in a useless orbit when an engine combustion chamber ruptured.

The failures were part of an unrelated string of botched U.S. launches that grounded certain rockets for months.

The Delta III losses, alone exceeded $450 million. Millions more were spent on the ensuing investigations.

Boeing hopes to launch its next Delta III next year. Company officials in Huntington Beach, Calif., envision an annual flight rate of four to six beginning in 2002, and expect the Delta III to be replaced by the yet-untested Delta IV by 2005.

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World

Anger over sub turns toward government

Associated Press

President Vladimir Putin flew to an Arctic naval base Tuesday to console the families of 118 sailors killed in submarine accident, but the gesture barely alleviated the nation's crushing grief and anger at the bungled rescue effort.

Former submariners wept in the streets as Russia mourned with striking openness over the loss of the Kursk, which suffered a massive explosion and sank to the Barents Sea floor Aug. 12. Candles were lit in Russian Orthodox churches, and condolences poured in from around the world.

Putin, dressed all in black, was greeted in Murmansk by somber, exhausted navy officials, then visited a nearby area where 400 relatives of the sailors are quartered. The families heard almost no official information about the rescue operation, relying on television for even the most basic news - including the announcement Monday that their sons and husbands were dead.

Putin - who has been sharply criticized for taking so long to show concern for the crew -was expected to go later to the ship that led the rescue effort and throw a wreath into the sea where the sailors are entombed in their wrecked submarine, 350 feet below.

Dazed relatives demanded to be taken the site, too. The navy was considering the plea.

Emma Yevdokimova, whose son Oleg was a cook on the Kursk, wept uncontrollably as she recalled how he helped her prepare the holiday dinner last New Year's Eve.

``When they offered him to join the Kursk, he was so glad,'' she said on Russia's RTR television. ``He was so good. He still is,'' she said, collapsing into tears as she added, ``I still don't believe that he drowned.''

Russians have assailed Putin for not canceling a vacation more quickly when the sub sank and the military for resisting foreign help.

Trying to divert the public anger, the besieged military has tried to lay blame on its former Cold War enemies -claiming the Kursk collided with a Western sub. The United States and Britain have denied having any vessels nearby and Norwegian divers who saw the wreck said there was no sign of a collision.

The top brass has a lot to explain. The media has blasted them for trying to hush up the disaster, then lying about it. Public anger increased when Norwegian divers quickly succeeded in opening the hatch Monday, after days of failed attempts by Russian rescue capsules to reach the submarine. It was the Norwegians who determined there were no survivors.



Associated Press

Russian President Vladimir Putin consoles a family member of a crewman who lost his life when a Russian sub sank to the bottom of the Barents Sea. 118 sailors were killed in the accident.

The world joined in Russia's grieving. British sailors and rescuers who had come to help in the operation but were never needed held a brief memorial service for the crew, throwing a small bouquet of flowers into the sea as they left the site of the tragedy.

``It is very sad. I think that is the feeling of the entire crew,'' said Commodore David Russell, commander of the British rescue team. ``Our mission was to help the Russians save lives, but I think it proved to be beyond everyone's capabilities.''

The Norwegian divers left the region later Tuesday. The Russian Navy was negotiating with the Norwegian diving company for help lifting the submarine and retrieving the bodies.

The flooded submarine weighs about 25,000 tons, and any operation to move it would take weeks or months and be extremely expensive. Removing the bodies would also be difficult, as many are probably badly damaged and would be difficult to pull through the ship's narrow hatches.

A former commander of the Black Sea Fleet, Eduard Baltin, said Tuesday that engineers wouldn't raise the boat until next spring because the weather in the region is too harsh by September.

There is also concern about the ship's two nuclear reactors. The Norwegians recorded normal radiation levels around the submarine, though it was unclear whether the reactors had suffered any damage.

Putin declared Wednesday a national day of mourning. Television stations repeatedly displayed the names of the dead crewmen and showed old footage of the Kursk sailing out of port, its crew at attention on the deck. Film was accompanied by classical music and mournful folk ballads.

Russian newspapers said everything the government did was too late.

``It's time for questions,'' the daily Izvestia wrote in a lead editorial. ``What if? What if they hadn't lied to us? What if they'd invited foreigners without waiting for five days? What if we'd had the proper technology? It's too late.''

It remained unclear what caused the explosion in the torpedo compartment in the front of the submarine that crumpled the ship. The government's collision theory is that the Kursk ran into a Western sub, probably U.S. or British, that survived and escaped.

Analysts said finger-pointing at the West showed a mindset from Soviet times that remains in the military's upper echelons, where top commanders are now fighting to save their jobs.

``It's entirely a propaganda effort,'' said Pavel Felgenhauer, an independent military analyst. The top brass ``want to get out of the line of fire and direct it at their old enemy.''

Putin said that he wasn't going to dismiss top commanders over the Kursk, but the rising tide of public criticism could push him to order shakeups.

``Putin will only be able to prevent erosion of his own popularity by telling the truth and finding real culprits among the military,'' said Alexander Pikayev, a military analyst with the Carnegie Endowment.

Clinton clears way for Columbian aid on anti-drug enforcement

Associated Press

President Clinton cleared the way for a $1.3 billion anti-drug package for Colombia Tuesday, signing a waiver that allows the money to be distributed even though the Colombian government has not met all the human rights conditions set by Congress.

Lawmakers imposed the conditions out of concern that the U.S. tax dollars would aid a military with an embarrassing human rights record.

``Since the legislation is fairly recent, it's understandable the Colombian government has not had sufficient time to meet all the conditions and establish a record of compliance,'' said P.J. Crowley, spokesman for the National Security Council. ``That required the president to waive some of these criteria.

The aid is meant to help Colombia fight drug traffickers and includes money to train and equip the army and police, along with 18 Black Hawk helicopters and 42 Huey 2 helicopters.

Ninety percent of cocaine consumed in the United States is grown or passes through Colombia.

There were seven criteria that Colombia was to have met before getting the anti-drug money.

One was met last week when Pastrana ordered that military personnel accused of human rights violations be tried in civilian courts, so that military courts could not be used as a shield.

One would give legal authority to military leaders to suspend personnel suspected of abuses. The second would establish a judge advocate general corps.

``We do think there is a good-faith effort under way in Colombia,'' State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said. ``There is progress on all fronts. We believe the certification process helps improve the human rights situation.''

Democratic Sens. Patrick Leahy of Vermont and Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts both had urged Clinton not to exercise his waiver authority.

Leahy said a waiver would ``make a mockery'' of the arguments and expectations of the many supporters of Colombia's counterdrug campaign in Congress who insisted that the conditions are necessary to ensure that human rights are protected.

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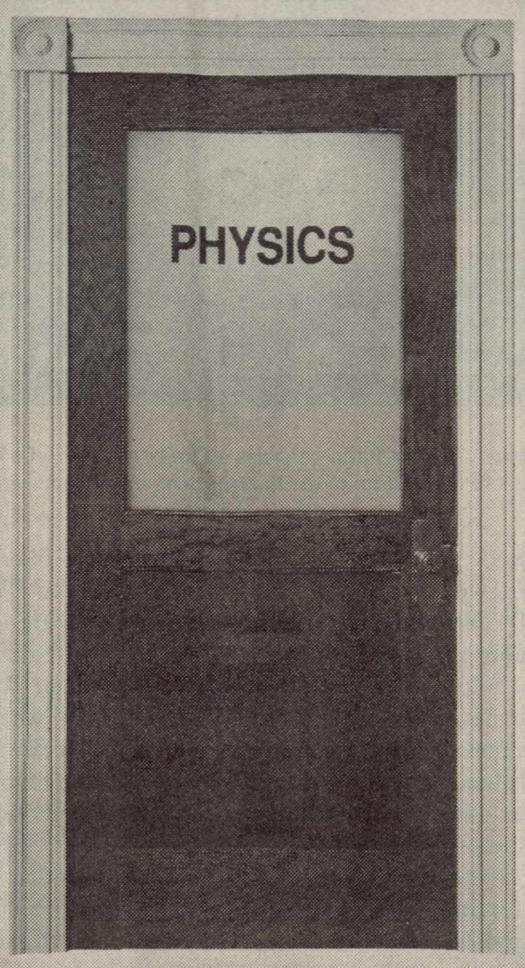
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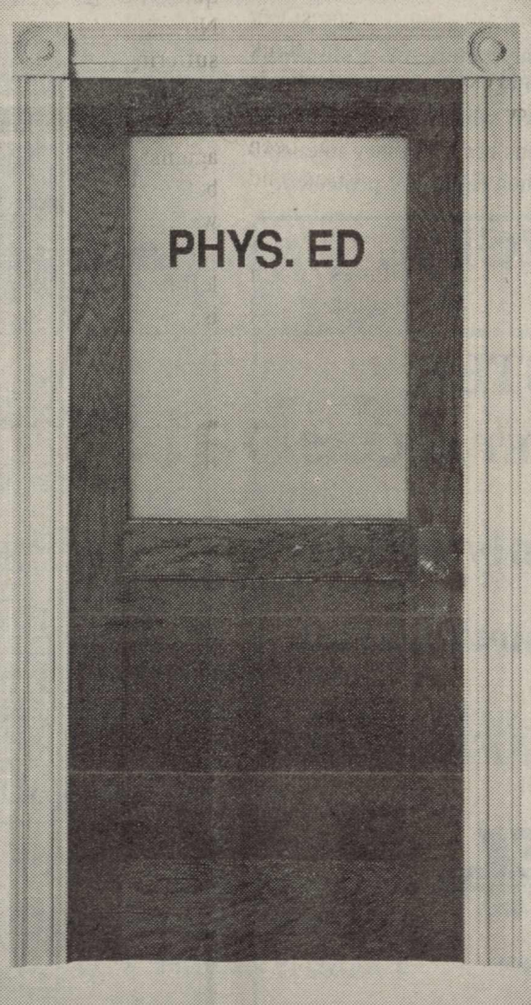
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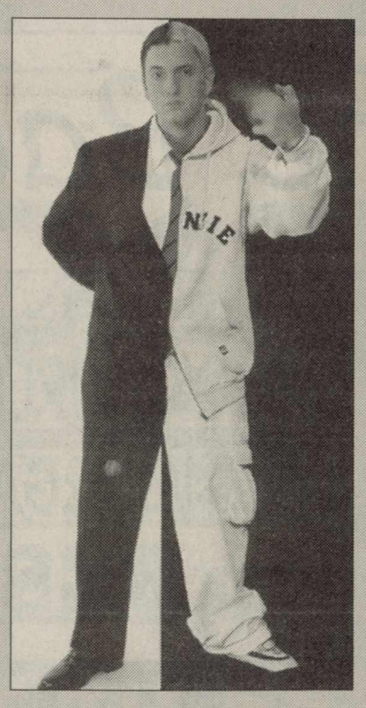
So, Eminem claims that he was sent here to piss the world off and that he is simply being himself when he raps about slicing his wife's throat and painting the forest with her blood.

When listening to his latest CD release, *The Marshal Mathers LP*, one would think that he was going down a laundry list of people that he intends on offending.

All over the nation the gay community is protesting the lyrical content of Eminem's CD, and women's rights groups are joining the fight to silence the highly explosive young musician.

Well, I agree that Eminem's lyrics are offensive and a bit overboard at times, as would most sane adults. The fact that I do not agree with ideals of Eminem has nothing to do with the fact that I realize that he is a rare talent and that he created one of the best CDs of the year.

I've been asked how I can separate the talent of the artist from the words that he speaks and the ideas that he heralds. How can you not separate the two? No matter what you think of the content of his music, you cannot deny that he is a blissfully eccentric artist, a talented lyricist and an accomplished producer.



He has taken his musical genre in a unique direction and along with a few other artists, he reinvented a genre that had come very close to becoming a musical cliché.

Some are adamantly protesting his violent tales of murdering his wife and mother. We must remember that they are stories; he does not really mean the things that he has to say, as he warns within the lyrics of his songs. Did you really think that classic author Jonathon Swift really meant for people to eat their children in *A Modest Proposal*?

Eminem has lived a hard life and is an angry person. This is his outlet for his anger. Some people drive, smoke or drink. Eminem just chooses to deal with his anger by taking it and turning it into something artistic. He has the right to do so.

If a consumer does not want to hear what the musician has to say, there is any easy way to save his precious soul from Eminem's vulgarity and his calloused, jaded view on life. Instead of preventing those that understand what he has to say and enjoy his talent from hearing him... simply don't listen.

Most of Eminem's most offensive songs are too harsh to be played on the radio or video shows, so if someone is hearing these songs, it would mean that they actively searched for the track and listened to it, thus subjecting themselves to what they are trying to hide from.

Simply just do not purchase the CD. Do we really need to hear people complaining about something that they didn't have to hear?

I don't really recall this big of a fuss for Garth Brooks' song *Mama Loved Papa.* In this song, a jealous husband drives his 18 wheeler through a motel room to kill his cheating wife and her lover.

Sure the Dixie Chicks got a little flack for their (what many have called) "fun" husband killing hit song *Goodbye Earl,* but it was soon accepted, and an organization for battered women applauded the song where the plot of the song is murdering a person and hiding his body. The list goes on and on (Richard Marx's *Hazard* and Warrant's *Uncle Tom's Cabin* just to name a few).

I also find it funny that some of the same people that are complaining about the violence are the same people that are watching *Faces of Death* in their spare time. And some of the same people that are angered at Eminem's jabs at boy bands and pop superstars are the same people that watch *Saturday Night Live*. Selective morality is very convenient.

Sure, there are some things that are a little strong for children in this CD, but it wasn't written for children. There is a Parental Advisory sticker on the CD for a reason.

So you ask, "But what if a child did get his hands on the CD?"

Well, why don't we just stop making R rated movies, just in case a child sneaks in. How about we focus our efforts on something else like say hand guns for now.

I disagree with about 90 percent of what Eminem raps about in this CD, but I enjoy the work a little more every time that I hear it. He explains why he does the things that he does on the CD, so listen to the CD before you pass judgement on someone that you know nothing about. But, be forewarned that he will challenge you and what you believe in.

Elton John, a strong supporter of gay rights and critically acclaimed musician/song writer sees the talent of Eminem.

"It feels like the nuclear bomb has just hit... rap records are often full of expletives, and this is really hard-core stuff, but it's intellgent hard-core stuff... it's funny, it's clever, it's poetry, and it's also musiclly interesting," John said.

Someone out there is enjoying his artistry. The CD was number one in sales for more than ten weeks. He sold more CDs in his first few months of release than any other male artist in the history of music. For those that don't like Eminem, that is fine. You have that right, but then again, so does Eminem.

Entertaining Politics: *The Cell vs. The Democrats*

Associated Press

With the Democratic convention over, a big question in Hollywood is what Al Gore and Joe Lieberman might say about the sexually explicit thriller, *The Cell,* which opened around the country this past weekend along with sci-fi flick *Godzilla 2000* and *The Original Kings of Comedy.*



Associated Press
Jennifer Lopez stars in this weeks number movie in the nation, *"The Cell."*

At its best, *The Cell,* which takes audiences inside the mind of a serial killer, is a visual sensation of colorful costumes, lavish sets, and floral graphics that frame the movie screen in a unique use of computer technology.

But the film, directed by commercial and video director Tarsem Singh, also shows women humiliated and destroyed by a violent sexual predator, and it is gory to the point of making audiences in advance screenings squirm in their seats.

Democratic presidential nominee Gore and vice president hopeful Lieberman might think *The Cell* is explicit beyond what is necessary for the story. Lieberman, particularly, has been an outspoken critic of sex and violence in the media.

Director Singh told Reuters he doesn't see the film as violent and, indeed, there is little actual violence perpetrated within it — no gun battles, fights, rapes, murders etc. But there is torture and violence is implied.

``It's a graphic film, but not violent,'' he said.

Singh sees *The Cell* as operatic and elaborate theater that takes audiences on a fantastic and nightmarish journey.

The Cell stars Vincent D'Onofrio as killer Carl Stargher, who kidnaps unsuspecting young women, imprisons them in a glass-lined tank that slowly, automatically fills with water.

Stargher videotapes the torture and later, gets sexual satisfaction watching the video while suspended above his dead victim's body by wires that pierce his skin.

As *The Cell* begins, Carl has just disposed of his latest victim and trapped a new one. He is quickly caught by FBI agent Peter Novak (Vince Vaughn) after suffering a stroke that leaves him comatose.

Novak finds himself in a race against time to locate the girl before Stargher's tank fills with water.

Unfortunately, Stargher has left few clues about where the girl is, so Novak takes him to a laboratory where scientists have devised a way for a trained psychiatrist to take a virtual trip into his mind.



Associated Press
How do Al Gore and Joe Lieberman feel about the new crop of movies being released and topping the charts?

Singh's movie truly starts when psychiatrist Catherine Deane (Jennifer Lopez) enters Stargher's mind. His inner world is filled with elaborate chambers and god-like creatures. It also has nightmarish dungeons that hold sewn-up corpses, bleached bodies and memories of abuse that Deane must explore.

Hollywood may never know how the Democratic candidates would respond to the graphic nature of *The Cell.* They're floating down the lazy Mississippi on a riverboat campaign tour, and it's unlikely they will ever see it or voice an opinion.

Singh, however, did react to the issue of excessive sex and violence in the cinema, and he did not disagree that the industry is reaching some extremes. But he argued that R-rated *The Cell* is for adults who should be able to discern between fantasy and reality.

Meanwhile, for all those movie fans who want to take a step back to the 1950s, there is *Godzilla 2000* — the 23rd in the series of stories about the giant fire-breathing lizard from Japan's Toho Studios.

Forget 1998's American-made *Godzilla,* which was seen as a flop by U.S. critics and media, despite a solid box office performance around the world.

Godzilla 2000 essentially resurrects the old-style monster flicks that used molded models to create the giant beasts instead of sophisticated computer graphics.

In *2000,* Godzilla's power is again unleashed on Japan, instead of New York in the 1998 U.S. film. And Godzilla has a new foe, Orga, a gigantic beast with razor-sharp teeth and claws mutated from a UFO that lain dormant for 6,000 years.

Finally, *The Original Kings of Comedy* is Spike Lee's concert film that documents the live shows given by four of the United States top African-American comedians, Steve Harvey, D.L. Hughley, Cedric the Entertainer and Bernie Mac.

Filmed and edited from two nights of performances in Charlotte, N.C., the movie is a straight-forward depiction of the theater show that spotlights the stand-up routines of each of the four comics.

The debate continues: is Napster *really* grand theft audio?

Throughout its bitter battle with the song-sharing service Napster, the music industry has lived in fear that there are thousands of people like Brad Fortier.

``I haven't bought a CD in two years,'' said the 17-year-old from Rochester Hills, Mich., who likes the Backstreet Boys, Creed and Savage Garden. Whenever he hears a song he likes, he tells a computer-savvy friend, who downloads the songs through Napster and burns Fortier a custom-made compact disc every few months.

But then there are people like 25-year-old James Cavanaugh of Manhattan, who has downloaded free songs about a dozen times through his computer. He was curious about Eminem's hit *album, ``The Marshall Mathers LP,''* and sampled several of its songs. Then he went out and bought the disc.

``I'd be more likely to download a song and get an album if I liked it,'' he said. ``If anything, it would make me want to buy something more. It's kind of like listening to the radio.''

While Fortier is the music industry's nightmare, the danger for record companies is that there are many more people like Cavanaugh, and the battle to shut Napster down could come at the expense of their best customers.



The Recording Industry Association of America, and musicians like Metallica, went after Napster in court for a simple reason: It let fans get for free the material musicians make their living producing andselling. That was the basis of the U.S. District Court judge's decision last month ordering the service to stop.

Napster is still alive - barely - after an 11th-hour stay.

The war was waged, however, before anyone could determine definitively whether Napster depressed or stimulated music sales.

Rolling Stone recently asked 5,000 readers whether they have bought fewer CDs now that music is available for free online, and only 8 percent said yes. Most of the readers, 54 percent, said their buying habits haven't changed and 36 percent said they are buying more.

A study of college students by Greenfield Online and YOuthStream Media Networks found that two-thirds of the people who admitted to downloading songs said they did it to preview music before purchasing it. Nearly 80 percent of the people who use Napster said they still plan to buy CDs.

Music sales in general are up this year: 355 million albums sold in the first six months of 2000, versus 332 million in the same period last year, according to Soundscan. 'N Sync, Britney Spears and Eminem all had explosive first-week sales records.

``I just go by logic - that people will want to hear something before they buy it,'' said rap artist Chuck D, a pioneer in distributing music through the Internet. ``If I got turned on by an artist after I heard something for free, I would go out and buy it. That's too logical for people in the music industry to understand.''

Some people buy music even after they've downloaded it from Napster because they prefer having a CD they can play in another part of the house, instead of listening on an MP3 player or computer. And searching for and downloading music can be cumbersome.

``If you want to get a whole album, it takes awhile,'' Cavanaugh said. ``It's more trouble than it's worth.''

Hank Barry, Napster CEO, said one study found that 95 percent of the files downloaded through Napster are eventually deleted. He said that indicates fans are using the service to sample music, not keep it.

On the other hand, there's Akinwunmi Akinlawon, a 19-year-old student at the University of Illinois who downloaded music by Limp Bizkit, the Dave Matthews Band and others until his university blocked access to Napster.

``I buy less,'' he said. ``There's no point to buying it if you can just download it.''

A study released this spring found that sales of recorded music near college campuses - a hotbed for Napster use - declined by 4 percent between the first three months of 1998.

LIFE: People

People in Brief

Ryan and Quaid, the Sequel


Ryan

Hollywood actress Meg Ryan has returned to her actor husband Dennis Quaid following a three-month fling with *Gladiator* star Russell Crowe, Britain's Express newspaper reported on Saturday.

The 38-year-old actress who starred in *When Harry Met Sally* and *Sleepless in Seattle* was reported to have described her affair with New Zealand-born Crowe as a ``dreadful mistake.''

Quaid, 46, has dropped the divorce action he filed last month after Ryan begged his forgiveness, the paper said.

Ryan's affair with Crowe took off in London when they were filming the up-coming film *Proof of Life*.

Hogan's Next Main Event Battle


Hogan

Hulk Hogan has filed a defamation suit against the World Championship Wrestling, accusing the WCW's creative director of berating him on national television after a ring appearance.

According to the lawsuit, Hogan won the July 9 bout in Daytona Beach, Fla., by default when his opponent refused to wrestle, but the WCW's Vince Russo followed Hogan from the ring, accused him of playing politics'' and implied he is dishonest.

WCW spokesman Alan Sharp declined to comment.

Some have speculated that the lawsuit might be a publicity stunt, as part of a continuing story line in which the WCW has sought to eliminate older wrestlers such as Hogan as it tries to revive flagging ratings. Hogan has not appeared on WCW programs since the lawsuit was filed Aug. 1.

``This is a real lawsuit,'' said Hogan's attorney, John Taylor Jr.

What Russo said ``was defamatory and a breach of contract.''

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The Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie is back to work in studios

Alanis Morissette is about to pour the past few years of her life into another introspective album, she revealed during a question-and-answer session with fans Thursday night at the Museum of Tolerance.

"I liken it to a sponge - I spend two or three years absorbing this crazy water, and then I get into the studio and I just squeeze it," she said.

The 26-year-old Canadian singer/songwriter said she plans to head into the studio within the next month to begin work on the follow-up to 1998's, *Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie*, which features the single "Thank You." Morissette said she will produce the effort herself - presumably without the help of longtime collaborator Glen Ballard.

The producer, who is working with Lisa Marie Presley on her debut album, recently said he did not expect to be involved in producing Morissette's next album, but characterized their professional relationship as "longstanding."

The question-and-answer session with fans came amid an acoustic performance by Morissette and her five-piece band, capping their three-week, 11-country *The One Tour*. The trek took them through the Middle East and Europe, hitting such countries as Croatia, Turkey and Lebanon. Morissette said she wanted to play in cities where fans rarely get the chance to experience live American music.

The intensely spiritual singer said the tour reinforced her belief that "we're all one - we're all connected."

Morissette chose the Museum of Tolerance - which is devoted to Holocaust remembrance and the defense of human rights and the Jewish people - as the final stop of the tour because of its efforts to promote harmony in diversity, said Joe DiNunzio, CEO of the night's host, Z.com. The Internet company webcast parts of the tour and will air Thursday's event starting Sept. 12 at club.z.com.

Clad in black leather pants and a shiny pastel top that was for the most part concealed by her long brown hair, Morissette sat on a stool center stage and took questions. Most of the 300 attendees had won tickets through the tour's Web site, while celebrity guests included Goo Goo Dolls singer/guitarist Johnny Rzeznik and actress Calista Flockhart.

At several points during the session, Morissette was asked about the raw honesty of her lyrics, which often give a diary-entry feel to her songs.

Morissette said she wasn't always able to be so open as a songwriter, adding that she spent her teenage years trying to hide some of her emotions - even from herself.

"I felt that I had to fragment myself and only show certain parts," she said.

Morissette attributed some of the introspection that marks her music to her "intolerance of pain."

"If I felt any chronic amount of pain for too long, I had to start to understand it," she said. "I knew that we weren't innately suffering beings," she said.

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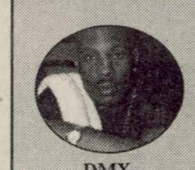
For more information and the latest news on the new project go to www.alanismorissette.com


Associated Press
Canadian Alanis Morissette is set to work on her new album. She has not had a new release since 1998.

The Current Sauce Top 25


Nelly

1.	*(Hot Sh**t) Country Grammar*	*Nelly*
2.	The Way I am	*Eminem*
3.	Teenage Dirtbag	*Weatus*
4.	Girl from the Gutter	*Kina*
5.	Kryptonite	*3 Doors Down*
6.	Six Pacs	*Getaway People*
7.	You're an Ocean	*Fastball*
8.	Jumpin' Jumpin'	*Destiny's Child*
9.	Come on Over	*Christina Aguilera*
10.	Californication	*Red Hot Chili Peppers*
11.	You're a god	*Vertical Horizon*
12.	Last Resort	*Papa Roach*
13.	Promise	*Eve 6*
14.	Lucky	*Britney Spears*
15.	Wonderful	*Everclear*
16.	I Think I'm in Love	*Jessica Simpson*
17.	I Need You	*Leanne Rimes*
18.	There You Go	*Pink*
19.	Cold Day in July	*Dixie Chicks*
20.	What You Want	*DMX feat. Sisqo*
21.	Why Didn't You Call Me?	*Macy Gray*
22.	It's My Life	*Bon Jovi*
23.	I Wanna Know	*Joe*
24.	Absolutely (Story of a Girl)	*Nine Days*
25.	Bent	*Matchbox 20*


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News in Brief

Scary Movie II



Wayan's Brothers

First rule of a hit movie: Never say never when it comes to doing a sequel.

Breaking the promise of the original's tagline—"No mercy, no shame, no sequel"—the Wayans brothers are reuniting to make *Scary Movie II*, a follow-up to their highly crude and hugely successful send-up of the teen-horror genre.

Keeping it all in the family, Keenen Ivory Wayans will be returning as director with sibs Shawn and Marlon writing and costarring in the project. The sequel will include all new characters and will presumably skewer a whole new batch of slasher flicks.

Scary Movie, which has grossed $144.8 million and is still going strong since its July open, has become the most profitable release in the history of Miramax. In its first weekend, the movie took in$42.3 million, making it the biggest opening ever for an R-rated film and the biggest for a film by a black director.

Life in the Big Easy a little less than *Real* for the Belfort seven.

By Joni Naquin
LIFE Reporter

This is the story of seven strangers picked to live in a mansion and have their lives taped to find out what happens when people stop being polite and start getting REAL.

This is Real World, New Orleans. Well, it's almost real .

On this season's MTV reality drama, the usual concept takes place, but this time with a local twist. The usual diverse group left their hometowns and began to get real. This time in Louisiana's own New Orleans. The personalities, conflicts, dramas and tensions begin to rise in a manshion on St Charles Avenue.

With hours of film on the cutting room floor, viewers missed a lot of the "real" elements of the Belfort Seven that never made it to *The Real World.*

David was portrayed as the "player" on the show. He was seen as a brash yet charming and young singer from South Chicago. Sources say he thrived on the attention of women and would frequently lie to his housemates about his romantic conquests. During his stay, he attended Loyola University and sang in the choir at a New Orleans church. He moonlighted as a bartender at a pub on Prytania Street called Hyde Park Corner. The pub served as a breeding ground for David to pick up on the young women of the city.



Danny, Julie, and Melissa hang out in New Orleans. They were known as the Befort Seven.

Melissa was the outspoken ethnic girl from Miami. She frequented a club called the Red Room on St. Charles Avenue, and sources say she acted crazy and wild only when the cameras were rolling and kept calm when they were turned off. Her favorite hangouts were on Magazine Street, and she enjoyed spending time in coffee shops, especially Rue DeLaCourse.

Kelly was the level headed, all-American blonde in the mansion. Sources say she worked at Superior Bar and Grill and is still living in New Orleans with her boyfriend, a resident doctor at Charity Hospital, whom she met on the show. She said the two of them are headed in a "serious" direction.

Jamie was the well bred, privileged guy next door. He started his own internet company and caught the eye of both Melissa and Kelly.



Two other roomates of the Belfort Seven, Kelly and Matt, ham it up for the cameras.

Matt was the wacky yet quiet and innocent guy from Georgia. Sources say he was really interested in religion and his youth group dedicated to educating young kids. One source described him as "too good to be true."

Danny was the guy with a big secret. He had a boyfriend in the military, and the show revealed his secret affair with a blurry faced young man. Sources say that Danny was very attractive with wit, charm and personality. "He would have made the perfect boyfriend, except he already had one," a source said.

Lastly, Julie was the innocent Mormon of Brigham Young University. She became enlightened during her time in New Orleans to the issues hidden from her throughout her life. Sources said she was kind and considerate. Since the show, she has been suspended from school for living with members of the opposite sex.

The housemates also produced a show called The Real Seven on 77 on New Orleans Access Television. Even Elton (the NOATV director) was a little different in real life. Sources say he really is a nice guy and easy to get along with despite his reputation as a "poopy face," according to Julie.

A security guard was stationed outside the mansion at all times due to the influx of onlookers who would knock and try to make their way into the house.

Now, the Belfort Mansion stands as an infamous site. It is empty and a chain link fence surrounds the property. It is now up for sale and MTV has moved the illustrious furniture with a New Orleans flair out of the Belfort.

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The Bad Boy is Back



Rodman

Dennis Rodman is being sued for $10 million by a woman who claims he raped her after they met in a bar last summer.

``The accusation is false,'' Paul Meyer, the former basketball player's lawyer, said Tuesday. ``This matter will be vigorously defended.''

The 30-year-old woman said she was raped by Rodman on Aug. 20, 1999. She reported the alleged attack to police 10 days later. Police said the delay made it impossible to gather physical evidence, and the Orange County district attorney's office declined to file charges, citing insufficient evidence..

According to the lawsuit filed Monday, Rodman and the woman had a brief but friendly conversation at Buzz on the Beach in Newport Beach before she turned down an invitation to a party.

When she left the bar, she said she allegedly was grabbed by someone who forced her into a car and took her to Rodman's home where she was given two drinks.

When in Rome: Scholar's College students visit classic Rome for 16 days

News Bureau

A group of Northwestern State University students recently took part in a 16-day program studying the art, architecture and civilization of ancient Italy and Rome.

The course, "Rome: Urbs Aeterna" was co-led by Dr. Richard Jensen of the Louisiana Scholars' College at NSU and by Dr. Janina Darling of the University of California at Santa Cruz. Jensen specializes in ancient Roman history and Darling specializes in ancient Roman art history. Jensen and Darling met while they were graduate students and Fulbright Fellows in Rome.

The course was originally created by Dr. Jean D'Amato, a professor of classics in the Scholars' College. The group was joined by two students from California - Santa Cruz.

Participants in the program were given guided tours of and lectures on the major ancient monuments and museums in Rome along with some monuments and museums from Renaissance and Baroque periods.

The group also the spectacular Villa d'Este and the villa of the Emperor Hadrian), Pompeii, including the nearby, beautifully-preserved villa of the family of Nero's consort, Poppaea, Herculaneum and Cuma, site of the ancient oracle or sibyl.



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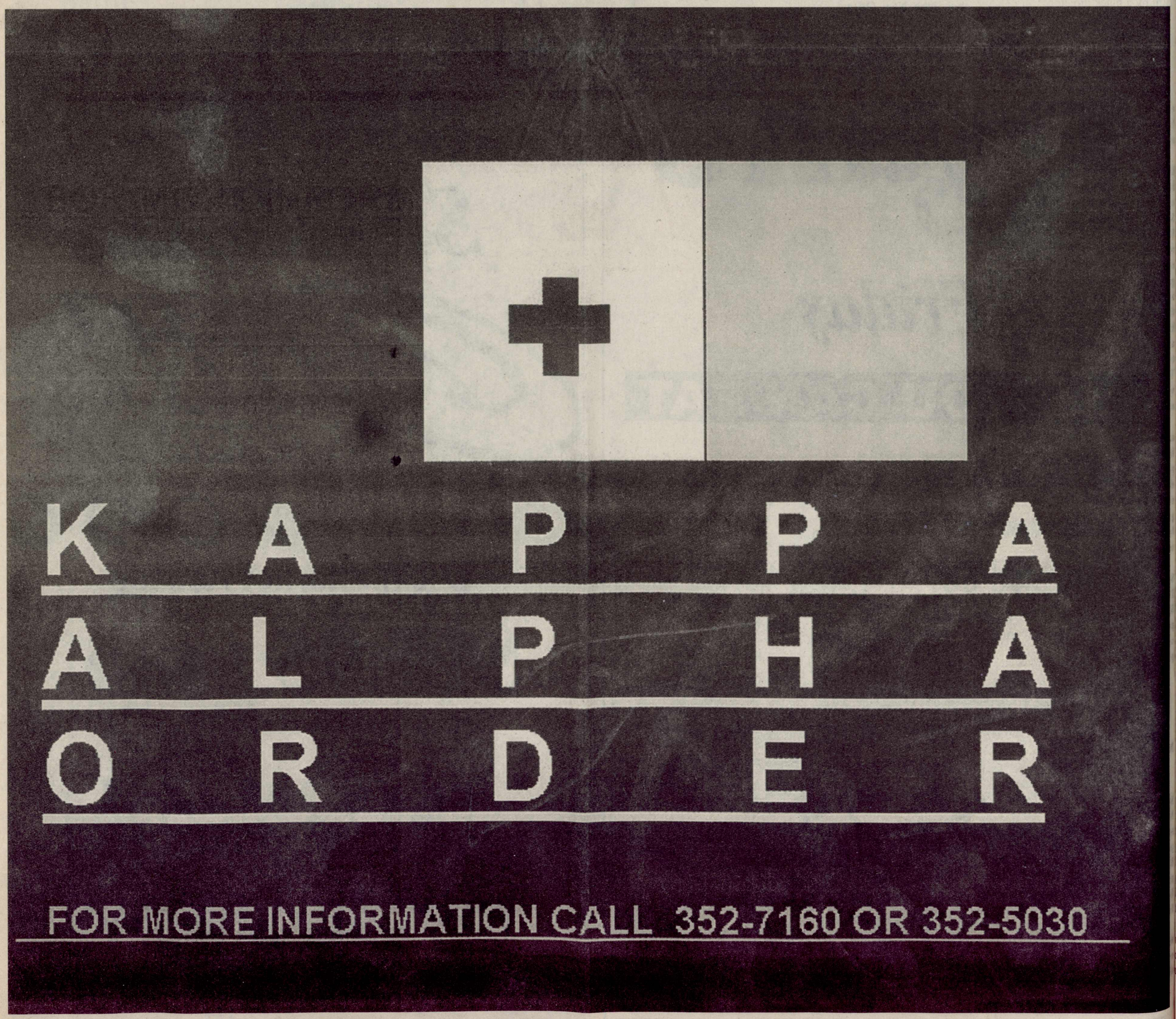
Scholar's College students take advantage of a unique opportunity and visit many ancient landmarks in Rome as a part of the coarse called Rome: Urbs Aeterna through the University.

"Going on a vacation with a holiday air is one thing; but going to Italy and learning the history of everything seen, as we did, is quite another experience," said participant Vanessa Byrd, an elementary education and humanities and social thought major from New Iberia. "Being able to see those places which you have heard about, read about, and seen in pictures is an indescribable experience.

Seeing those monuments while simultaneously learning about them has left me with an immense feeling of awe."

According to Jensen, a new feature of the program was a three-day stay at an experimental archaeological camp a half-hour northwest of Rome. Here students lived in reconstructed huts modeled on those used in ancient Italy. Students participated in excavating simulated ancient Roman and Etruscan sites, heard lectures, including one delivered by the mayor of Blera, who is also an expert on the Etruscans. The students also saw demonstrations of ancient bronze and glass making and visited the famous frescoed tombs of the Etruscans as well as the ruins of their towns.

After returning to the United States, students taking the course for credit are required to complete a research paper based both on their experiences in Italy and library research at Northwestern. This course will be offered again during the summer of 2002. Those interested in participating should contact Jensen at (318) 357-4599 or by e-mail at jensenr@alpha.nsula.edu.



Sports

Singleton takes reign of softball program

Hitting coach inherits strong softball program

By Stephanie Willie
Sauce Reporter

University of Texas assistant coach Ty Singleton was named the new head softball coach at the University; Athletic director Greg Burke announced the change during a press conference .

Singleton, regarded as one of collegiate softball top hitting coaches and recruiters, will replace former head coach Gay McNutt, who resigned early last month to take the head coach position at Southern Mississippi.

"I'm glad to be here, to pick up the reigns of this outstanding program with the idea of winning more championships and making it to the big show, the College World Series and to win games there." Singleton said. "I got a taste of Northwestern State last fall when we played them. We got beat, and I was especially impressed by the passion they displayed on the field. "

His UT teams reached the NCAA tournament each of the three years he was with the Longhorns, including a trip to the 1998 Women's Collegiate World Series. At UT, he primarily worked with the infielders and hitters at Texas after working with pitchers and outfielders and hitters at Asuza Pacific. He helped them to two conference championships and fifth place finishes at the NAIA National Championship Tournament

He compiled a composite record of 222-85-1 (.772) in his last five seasons

" Ty Singleton brings the NSU program exactly what they were seeking-- a dynamic individual who will care about the players on and off the field and a coach with quality experience contributing to national championship caliber programs," Burke said..

Singleton will take over a team that has reached the NCAA tournament two out of the last three years. The Demons won their third consecutive conference championship and has only lost 14 conference games in the last four years.

Singleton will also coach a team with a wealth of young talent, including freshman pitchers Jessica Holaway and Amanda Ortego, team home run leader Erin Mancuso, as well as a strong recruiting class.

The Demons are expected to be ranked high when the RPI ratings are released later this year.

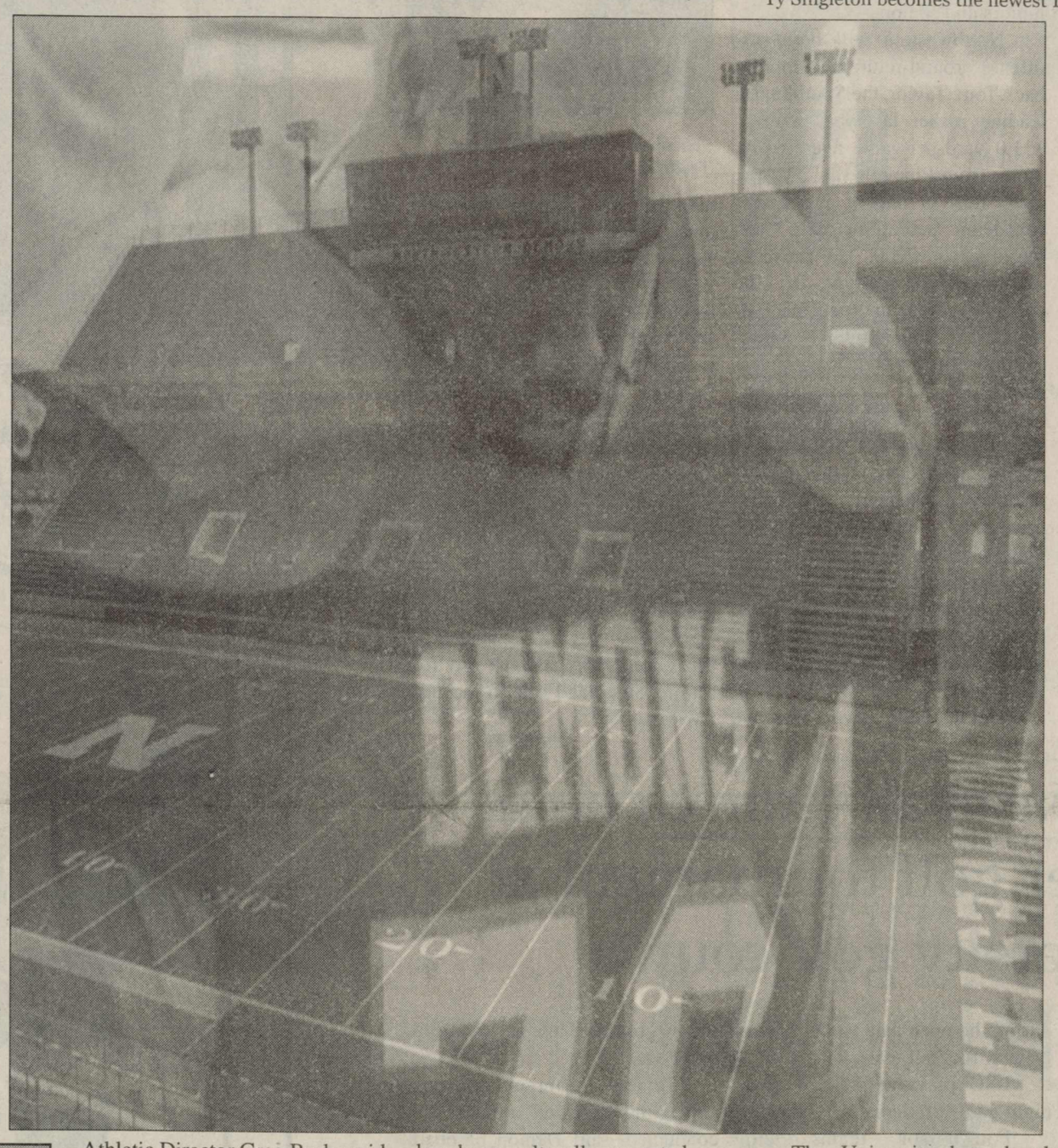


Courtney Pane/Sauce Photo editor
Ty Singleton becomes the newest Demon softball coach

PRAYER BEFORE GAMES MAY BE A THING OF THE PAST

High Court ruling may be felt at Turpin Stadium this fall

Kaleb Breax
News Editor



Public prayer before sporting events, such as football games, has become a topic of discussion amongst University officials.

This is an issue that many high schools across the nation have already dealt with. Such a case is been brought up in the Santa Fe Independent School District in Texas. The school organizes sporting events and reserves a time slot before the game begins for a student to make a statement. The school claims that this has always been a historical tradition in Texas. They also argue that they have no control over what the student says. The student could talk about the weather or urge his or her team on mentally and spiritually.

In this case, the administration of the Santa Fe Independent School District polled the student body to determine whether or not a prayer should be permitted before the games. The school also arranged for the student body to elect someone to give the prayer.

In its 2000 June decision of Santa Fe Independent School District v. Doe, the United States Supreme Court decided that public schools cannot constitutionally organize school prayers at games or similar regular events.

So now the question, "Do we continue public prayer before University football games?" arises.

"This is a point of discussion that a state university must have and be aware of," University Athletic Director Greg Burke said.

A source says that prayer is in fact "a protected form of speech." This applies throughout the public school system, before during and after school, in school busses, at the flagpole, in the cafeteria, etc. However, it is not normally permitted in the classroom as part of the teaching schedule or at the repeated events such as athletic games.

The First Amendment of the United States Constitution protects and denies the students' rights. The establishment clause of the First Amendment bans school involvement in prayer at repeated sporting events. When a prayer is given, offending people is an issue that concern many.

"If it even affects a minority, it is enough," Burke said. "Personally, I do not have a problem with it."

"I think we are coming to an understanding that even though it has been culturally accepted we might be offending people," said Bill Collins, Director of the Baptist Collegiate Ministries.

"Over the years, it (prayer) has been an accepted practice...because it's more of a regional issue," Collins said. "When courts try to make a blanket law for the land, that's when we run into problems."

Many courts have ruled that public prayer of a student or teacher or even a coach is not permitted. This is to prevent a school endorsement of a specific religion, which is unconstitutional under the separation of church and state.

The University has already taken steps in order to eliminate the issue.

"It is a responsibility of the University to take time to evaluate the problem," Burke said. "We are aware of it."

As of now, the University does not have a solution to the problem, but the question will be answered on September 2 when NSU faces Southern University.

.Historic Supreme Court decisions on prayer in schools

McCollum vs. Board of Education (1948)
Court Struck down religious instruction in public schools

Engel vs. Vitale (1962)
Disallowed non-denomenational "Regents" prayer recited by students

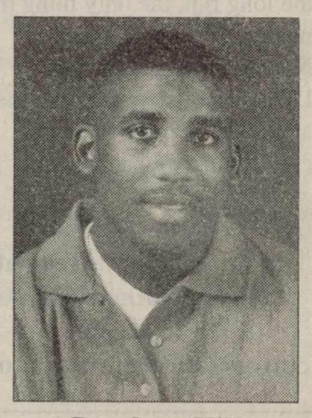
Murray vs. Currlet; Abington Township school district vs. Schemp (1963)
Mandatory Bible verse recitation ruled unconstitutional

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TALK BACK TO THE SAUCE

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New editor, new focus, same results



Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

In baseball, there's a phrase that gets tossed around at the start of a every new season. "Hope springs eternal." It means that spring is the time of year when every major league team feels they have a realistic shot at winning the World Series come October. Teams arrive at training camps with a renewed sense of ambition and feel confident that they have the best team in the major leagues.

Hope springs eternal even in the dawn of summer. While the Demons get ready to start the fall seasons of football, cross country, soccer and volleyball, we here at the *Current Sauce* are ready to cover all of these events, and this is the point where I introduce myself. My name is Rondray Hill, the new sports editor of the *Current Sauce*.

In this political year of 2000, I know that what I am writing is sounding a lot like a campaign speech. In a sense, it is. It is because the readers of the sports page expect an editor who can put together a quality page and provide them what they want. This is my first run at editing anything, so I need you to know that you can trust me and my staff. I only knew reporting before I reached this post, so I'm bound to make a few mistakes here and there. To the loyal readers of the *Current Sauce*, I have only one thing to ask of you; be patient.

Because if you are patient, you will see a sports page that gives you the whole story. My staff will work hard to provide fair coverage of all Demon athletics. The *Current Sauce* sports reporters are some of the best college reporters in this area. Our writers know their stuff. They know who to talk to, what to look for and what you like to see. You know you will get the whole story in the *Sauce*.

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Sutherland shines in first Demon scrimmage

NSU Sports Information

Senior receiver T.J. Sutherland ignited the Northwestern State offense with touchdown receptions of 8 and 34 yards and junior quarterback Ben Beach completed his last six passes Saturday morning in the Demons' first major preseason football scrimmage.

New coach Steve Roberts sent his team through a 52-play controlled scrimmage that lasted slightly more than an hour. The defense allowed a net of only 7 yards in the first 15 plays before Sutherland; junior tailback Jeremy Lofton and Beach provided some offensive highlights.

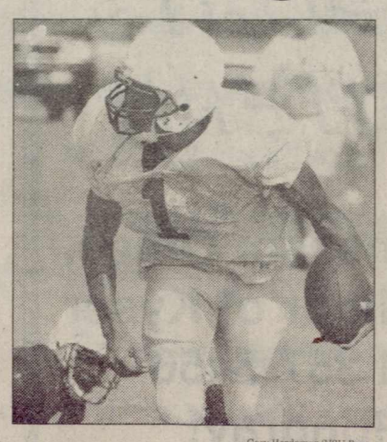
Sutherland, a second-team preseason All-Southland Football League pick, scored on an 8-yard slant pass from sophomore Kevin Magee, then got his second TD two snaps later when he turned a flanker screen into a 34-yard scoring play.

Lofton rushed for 100 yards on five carries, including a 23-yarder to set up Sutherland's first touchdown and a 65-yarder late in the scrimmage.

Beach threw for two touchdowns and 130 yards, going 6 for 8 with an interception tipped at the line on his second attempt. He did not throw an incompletion afterward and led a five-play, 80-yard scoring drive capped by a 47-yard TD to Sean Weber.

Top tacklers were junior safety Judith Sylvester and senior linebacker Demathdian Tate, each with six stops including a tackle for negative yardage. Defensive tackles Tony Washington and Herchel Monroe each recovered fumbles, and safety Eric Evans made an interception, while Kendrick Llorens and Terrence McGee each blocked field goals in a drill at the end of the scrimmage.

Junior Clint Sanford kicked a 32-yard field goal during the scrimmage and made 7-of-9 tries of 35 yards and closer, with one blocked, in the drill capping the scrimmage.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Press
T.J. Sourtherland turned heads at Saturday's scrimmage

Letter from the sports editor

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You will also notice the quality of our stories. Our writers will not only give you the game recap, but they will also give you things to look for in the next game. We'll have something the other papers missed. Plus, we will give you more interesting facts and figures about Demon sports. I'll maybe even throw in a couple of trivia questions for prizes, which brings me to another change in this years Sports page...

...Reader interaction.

If you loved a story we ran last week, tell us. If you think our writers are absolute garbage, let us know.

Occasionally I will print letters directly concerning sports issues on the sports page. If you want to sound off on a sports issue, feel free. This is your newspaper, this is your sports page, and you have the right to say whatever you like.

I could go on and on about the new layout designs, the bigger pictures, new graphics and countless other newspaper-isms that you'll see in this year's sports page. But in the long run, the only thing that matters is if the students of Northwestern get the best Demon sports coverage in the area. That is our goal and a goal I think we can reach.

For questions or comments e-mail me at rondray@hotmail.com or at currentsauce@hotmail.com

Taylor leads Demon pre-season first teams

NSU, Troy State both land six on 1st team lists

Southland .com

Northwestern State University and Troy State University, which have combined to win the last four Southland Football League titles, each landed six players on the 2000 Preseason All-Southland Football League first team as voted by the League's head coaches.

For the second year in a row, upperclassmen dominate the preseason squads. Seventeen of the 25 positions on the 2000 Preseason All-Southland Football League first team are occupied by returning All-League players from a year ago. In addition, 45 of the 49 spots are occupied by juniors and seniors.

Northwestern will build its offense around returning running back Tony Taylor, the Southland's leading rusher last year with a 131.0 yard-per-game average. A junior from Pineville, La., Taylor (5-9, 185) is one of just three first-team selections last fall returning in 2000. He finished second in the League in all-purpose yardage and tied for first with 16 touchdowns while rushing for 1,441 yards in 11 games.

Taylor is joined by teammates Nathan Black, a receiver, and Gene Tennison, an offensive lineman, on the preseason first-team. Also juniors, Black was eighth in the Southland with 101.3 all-purpose yards per game, while Tennison (6-4, 285) cleared the way for Taylor to average 5.5 yards a rush last season.

Defensively, two Demon sophomores and a junior are expected to produce all-star numbers in 2000. Lineman Herchel Monroe (6-0, 325), linebacker Kurt Rodriguez (6-2, 235) and cornerback Terrence McGee (5-11, 183) hope to help Northwestern return to championship form it experienced in 1997 and 1998. Monroe, a junior, finished his sophomore season with 51 tackles, including



Gary Hardamon/NSU Press

First team SLC running back Tony Taylor

nine for lost yardage and five quarterback sacks. Rodriguez finished second on the team last year as a freshman with 111 tackles, topped all Demons with 16 for lost yardage, and was second with six sacks. McGee finished with 47 tackles as a freshman, including 39 solo stops, and led Northwestern with four interceptions.

Four of TSU's are seniors. Included are three offensive players, two of which are offensive linemen. Brent McAliley (6-3, 288) and Blake Carruthers (6-1, 277) anchor a line expected to pave the way for a third Southland title in the last five years.

2000 Pre-season All-SLC

1st Team Offense

QB	Wes Pate	Stephen F. Austin
RB	**Tony Taylor**	**Northwestern State**
RB	Bronson Sanders	Southwest Texas
WR	Matt Dominguez	Sam Houston State
WR	**Nathan Black**	**Northwestern State**
TE	Jimmy McCoy	Jacksonville State
OL	Wes Hines	McNeese State
OL	Brent McAliley	Troy State
OL	Roderick Cantu	McNeese State
OL	**Gene Tennison**	**Northwestern State**
OL	Blake Carruthers	Troy State
PK	Lawrence Tynes	Troy State

1st Team Defense

DL	Reginald Reddick	Sam Houston State
DL	**Herchel Monroe**	**Northwestern State**
DL	Clent Ballard	Southwest Texas
DL	Osi Umenyiora	Troy State
LB	C.J. Carroll	Southwest Texas
LB	Jimmy McClain	Troy State
LB	**Kurt Rodriguez**	**Northwestern State**
CB	Delvin Hughley	Jacksonville State
CB	**Terrence McGee**	**Northwestern State**
	SAntonio Thompson	Troy State
	SJoe Judge	McNeese State
P	Rick Barrow	Southwest Texas
RS	Delvin Hughley	Jacksonville State

Demon baseball team to hold fundraiser golf tournament at University golf course

NSU Sports Information

Entries are being accepted now for the Demon Fall Classic, a Saturday, Sept. 16 golf scramble supporting the University's baseball team.

The second annual tournament will be held at Northwestern Hills Golf Course. Golfers will be able to play the brand-new front nine holes, which have dramatically upgraded the appeal of the 18-hole layout.

The event is held each year during the open date week for the Demon football team.

LSU plays at Auburn in a night game on Sept. 16.

Four-person teams will compete in two tee times, 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., in the scramble format. Entry fee is $60 per player covering lunch, greens fees, a commemorative cap and a shot at the Foy Motors Shootout, with a hole-in-one on the par-3, 168-yard 10th hole winning a 2000 Buick Century automobile.

Prizes will be awarded to six different teams with competition in low gross and low net handicap divisions.

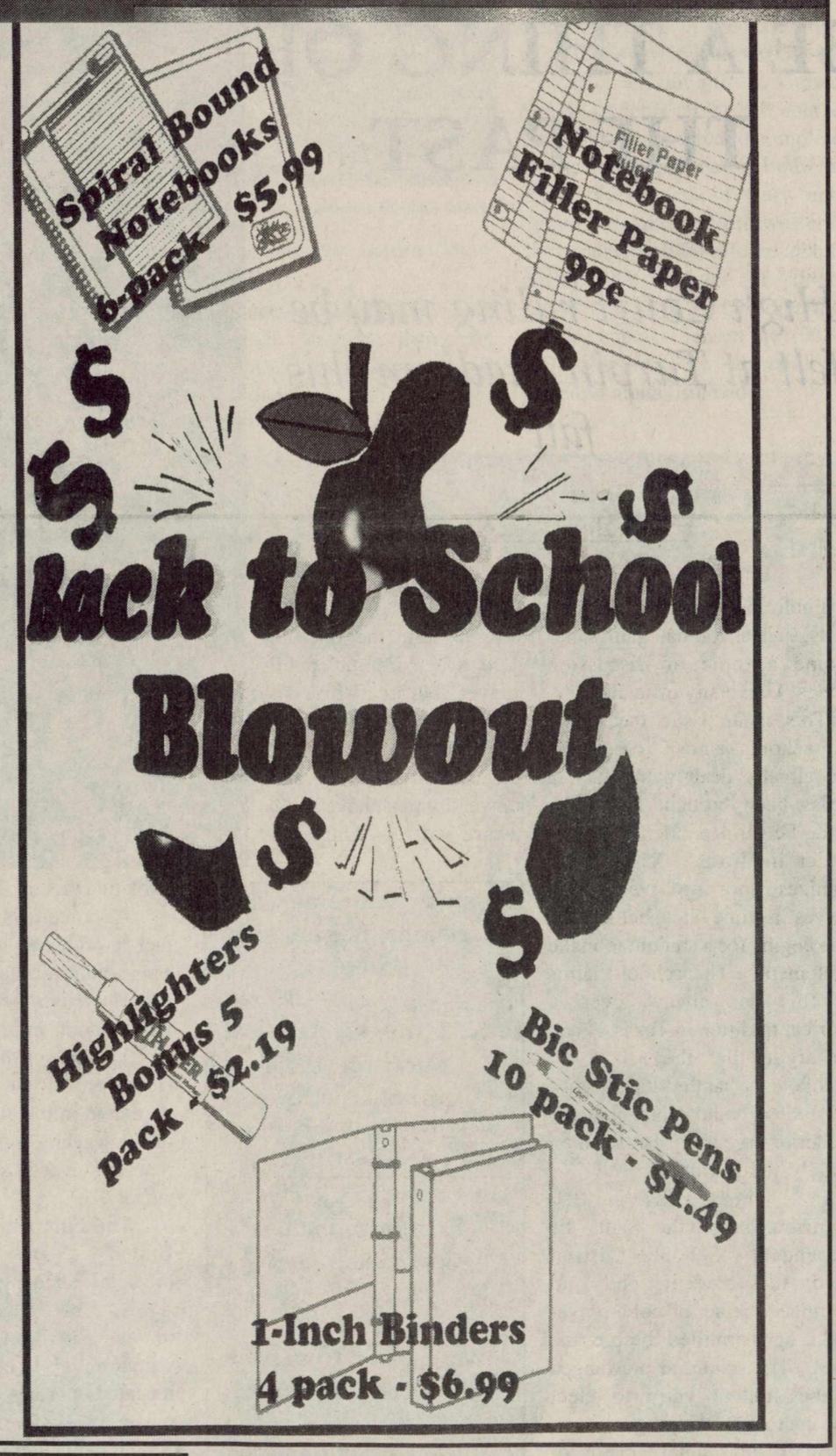
Several different contests and "gimmick holes" will be conducted, said Demon baseball coach John Cohen."This is a friend-making, good-time event," he said. "Golfers of all abilities can play and enjoy meeting our players and the Demon batgirls while helping support our baseball program.

We're going to have plenty of fun and hopefully somebody will drive away in a Buick Century from Foy Motors."

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FROM THE AP WIRE

Dodgers apologize after ejecting lesbian couple

The Dodgers apologized Wednesday to a lesbian couple ejected from Dodger Stadium earlier this month after the two shared a kiss during a game against the Chicago Cubs.

"I was troubled ... because of what it implied about the Dodger organization," team President Bob Graziano said. "It means a lot to me that you are Dodger fans," he said to Danielle Goldey and Meredith Kott. "We will continue to do the right thing."

The two were escorted out of the ballpark on Aug. 8. Goldey and Kott say they initially were not told why they were being ejected, but later they were told that someone complained and said children should not be exposed to "those people." The couple said their companions, a heterosexual couple, also kissed but were not ejected. Because of this, they felt the action of the eight security guards was discrimination.

U.S. Open seeds announced

Wednesday's draw for the year's final Grand Slam tournament put third-seeded Venus, the Wimbledon champion, in the top half of the 128-player field and Serena, the defending Open champ and seeded No. 5, in the bottom.

Venus beat Serena in straight sets in the Wimbledon semifinals last month, then won the title over Lindsay Davenport.

Saints make the final cuts and prepare for the regular season

Saints trim the fat before last preseason game

AP Wire

The New Orleans Saints announced 15 cuts Tuesday morning as coaches trimmed the roster to 70 several hours ahead of an afternoon NFL deadline.

Tight end Cam Cleeland was placed on injured reserve, meaning he is out for the season. Cleeland was injured in the first preseason game.

Guard Mike Halapin was placed on the reserve physically unable to perform list.

Waived were wide receivers P.J. Franklin and Sherrod Gideon, defensive tackles Robert Brannon, Winfield Garnett and Demond Gibson, linebacker Jamal Brooks, tight end Cuncho Brown, quarterback Marc Bulger, safety Pete Destafano, kicker Shayne Graham, punter Bill LaFleur, linebacker Donnie Spragan, and defensive end Alfred Williams.

Members of the Saints public relations department said no interviews with cut players would be allowed.

Bulger and Gideon were sixth-round draft picks for the Saints this year. Franklin, a former Tulane receiver, played in three games last year.

The cuts brought the roster to 70 people hours ahead of the 3 p.m. CDT deadline. The NFL requires teams to cut their roster to 65, not counting exemptions for players from the NFL-Europe roster. The Saints had five such exemptions.



AP Photo

Defensive end Alfred Williams was among one of the casualties of Saint's cuts Tuesday.

It's a job that first-year coach Haslett has said he does not relish.

``I told the team, this is a bad part of the business, but it is part of the business," Haslett said Monday.

``It's hard on coaches. It's also hard on players because you're around players that have been together four or five years, or two or three, and they're friends and they hang out together. All of sudden his buddy gets cut or coach has to let somebody get cut and it's hard. It's hard on the whole football team."

"The decisions had already been made by Monday afternoon," Haslett said. Players were notified prior to Tuesday's 7 a.m. report time at camp.

Williams' cut was not a surprise. He was not at practice on Monday. The former Pro Bowl defensive end who played in two Super Bowls with the Denver Broncos is still bothered by the Achilles' tendon in his right leg that sidelined him last year. The 10th-year veteran is had been trying to decide if he wanted to continue trying to make a comeback, practicing against the likes of Willie Roaf and Kyle Turley.

``He's not 100 percent," Haslett said. ``And he's one of these guys that's got great pride, and he's been a great pass rusher for the 10 years he's played. He goes out there and has Willie and Kyle and some of those guys and he's just not winning. He's struggling right now and he's just not sure he wants to go through it."

Haslet said he and Williams had been discussing his future for several days,

The Saints work out at their regular facility on Monday was only their second since breaking training camp last Wednesday.

MLB STANDINGS
as of August 23, 2000

		W	L	GB
AL EAST				
	1. NY Yankees	68	54	-
	2. Boston	65	57	3
	3. Toronto	65	61	5
	4. Tampa Bay	55	69	14
	5. Baltimore	55	69	14
AL CENTRAL				
	1. Chicago Sox	74	51	-
	2. Cleveland	65	56	7
	3. Detroit	61	63	12.5
	4. Kansas City	58	67	16
	5. Minnesota	56	71	19
AL WEST				
	1. Seattle	70	55	-
	2. Oakland	66	58	3.5
	3. Anaheim	65	61	5.5
	4. Texas	57	67	12.5

HELTON WATCH

Todd Helton is now hitting .392 after going 0 for 4 in a 5-2 loss to the Braves.



NL WEST				
	1. Atlanta	76	49	-
	2. NY Mets	74	52	2.5
	3. Florida	62	63	14
	4. Montreal	53	69	21.5
	5. Philadelphia	52	72	23.5
NL CENTRAL				
	1. St. Louis	69	56	-
	2. Cincinnati	61	63	7.5
	3. Chicago Cubs	54	70	14.5
	4. Milwaukee	54	71	15
	5. Pittsburgh	52	72	16.5
	6. Houston	52	74	17.5
NL WEST				
	1. San Fran.	71	53	-
	2. Arizona	70	55	1.5
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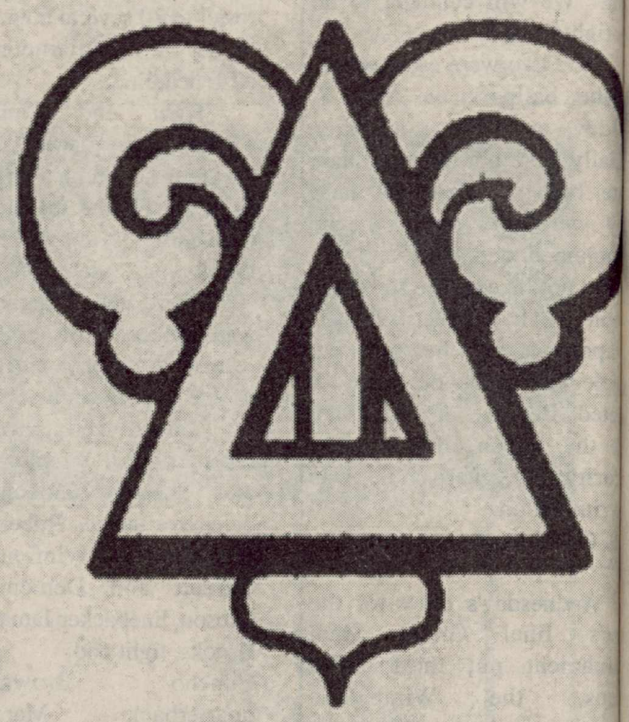
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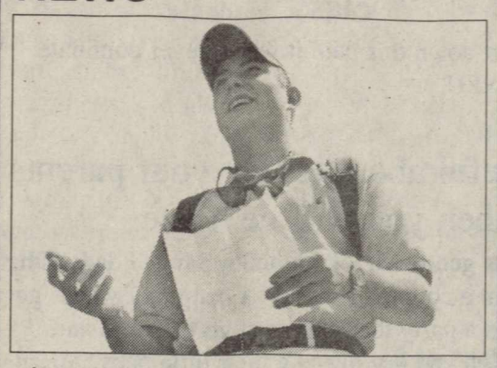
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Local men accused of spreading AIDS

By Heather Patton
Sauce Reporter

Two Natchitoches men have been arrested and charged with the intention of spreading AIDS in the past two weeks.

Earnest West, 23, of 1440 Grace Avenue, was booked on four counts of intentional exposure to the AIDS virus. Four of West's sexual partners filed separate complaints after hearing on the street that West was HIV positive. The four females said they were not told of West's disease.

According to the victims, West has been having sex with them since his release from the Winn Parish Correctional Facility in May.

Lt. Chris Stanfield of the Natchitoches Police Department said that this type of crime has become common in parts of the U.S. and that it is the first time someone has committed this crime in Natchitoches.



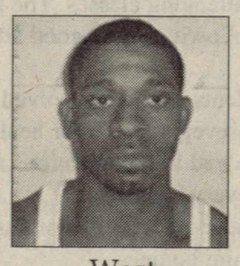
Alexander

"Ignorance of the law is no excuse," Stanfield said. "He knew he had the disease, and he should have told the victims he was HIV positive."

If convicted on all four counts, West could face up to 40 years in prison and $20,000 in fines.

One week after West's arrest, police apprehended 26-year-old Eric Vashawn Alexander of Caspari Street in Natchitoches after investigating an altercation that took place earlier that morning.

A domestic violence dispute between a couple at the Masonic Hall led to the arrest. Alexander intervened in the argument between a boyfriend and girlfriend leading to a fight. During the fight, Alexander bit the male victim in the back.



West

During the investigation, officers learned of Alexander's being HIV positive.

Alexander was booked on charges of intentional exposure to the AIDS virus and was placed in the Natchitoches Parish Detention Center.

Alexander faces 10 years in prison if convicted on the charge.

An internet source shows over 12,000 AIDS cases in Louisiana this year alone, most in the 35-39 year old range. Of those cases, 74 were in the Natchitoches area. Only 45 of those cases are still living.

"We send the cases that we get out to the Philadelphia Center in Shreveport and the health unit here in town," said Stephanie Self, R.N. of the University's Health Services. "Hopefully, this incident will be an educational opportunity for college students."

Self went on to warn the student body about the dangers of AIDS and unprotected sex.

"I hope people are using safer sex methods," she said. "But the only way to prevent AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases is abstinence. You should treat everyone the same whether you have known them 6 months or 6 years."

For more information, call the Office of Health Services at357-3531.



Students becoming involved with alcohol and parties is a common occurrence on college campuses across the nation. While many feel there is no real threat associated with partying, too much can be detrimental to not only a person's school work but also his or her health.

Too much partying?

Thursday is finally here. It's really no different than any other day. Most of us wake up, go to the same classes we went to on Tuesday and go home. But when the sun goes down ...the books close, the bars open and Thursday officially becomes Thursday night.

So what's so special about Thursday night? Is it (A) spending quality time with your friends outside of the classroom (B) dancing off that Freshman 15 or (C) the nickel drafts and dollar shots? If you answered C that doesn't automatically classify you as an alcoholic. Chances are you're not the only University student who answered C. Drinking alcohol topped most University students' list of things they enjoy doing when they go out. The number one alcoholic beverage of choice is none other than beer.

On the other hand, if you answered C and are at the bar right now at 2:00 in the afternoon enjoying a brewskie, you may have a problem.

Student surveys found that most college students tend to drink alcohol because there are a variety of rewards involved in doing so.

Often times, there is a sense of bonding most drinkers share, promoting a feeling of

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STORY BY STEPHANIE DANBY, PHOTOGRAPH BY COURTNEY PAYNE

Housing office approaches resolution to dorm problems

By Rheannon Coon
Contributing Reporter

With the University expecting its largest enrollment ever this year, the housing office had a bit of a challenge in placing all of the incoming students into dorm rooms.

"We had about 200 more girls that needed rooms for the fall," Director of Housing Woody Blair said.

As a solution, the housing office took many steps to accommodate the incoming class.

Bossier Hall was changed to a co-ed dorm, and approximately 105 females were placed in the north wing.

To make room for the female students, approximately 40 male students were relocated to Rapides Hall. A criteria of a student having 60 or more hours and a 2.5 GPA was used in making the decision of who would go and who would stay.

In addition, requirements were made for students requesting a private room. The students had to have at least 60 hours and a 3.0 GPA, and if these conditions are not met then the student will be paired with a roommate.

Conditions have also been established for those students staying in Varnado and Dodd.

In order to stay and remain in Varnado, students must keep a 2.5 GPA, and freshman must keep a 3.0 GPA.Students in Dodd must have 2.4 GPA. The hour standard for both Varnado and Dodd is 60.

This year some freshman had to be placed in these halls to accommodate the new students; however, they must maintain the 3.0 GPA.

"If the students do not maintain the set GPA then they will be moved," Blair said.

Also, officials are considering possible renovations of West Caspari to remedy the housing problem. As always, these solutions will depend on cost.

There are approximately 1,950 students living in the residence halls this fall.

Asbestos hazards cause University officials to take notice

By Windy S. La'Borde
Sauce Reporter

The possible threat of asbestos contamination has spurred a new plan at the University.. The plan calls for removal of all dangerous material from buildings around campus.

Asbestos is a building material that has been used in floor tile, ceiling tile, insulation and other building materials for many years.

Although asbestos cannot harm you while it is in a solid form, the microscopic particles that are released when it is tampered with, i.e. shaken, buffed etc., has become a cause for disturbance.

All buildings on campus are being inspected for asbestos. A public notice was released to all faculty, staff and students warning them of the asbestos and informing them of the upcoming plan to remove the substance from buildings around campus.

Anyone may view a copy of the asbestos inspection report and management plan by contacting the manager of each building or the Louisiana Education Association designated person at NSU-Tammie Pezant.

The possibility of asbestos causing cancer even 30 to 40 years after exposure is reason enough to halt the use of and remove it from the materials it is present in.

"There is no medical background that says that it causes anything." Pezant said.

Pezant still assures everyone that the asbestos will be removed from campus.

The plan includes a description of materials containing asbestos in the buildings, procedures for reinspecting buildings at six-month intervals and a schedule for removing existing asbestos filled materials.

Some buildings have already had asbestos removed. Usually, most asbestos removal is done during the summer months while buildings are closed down and students are at home, but some buildings are presently having it removed.

Anyone wishing for more information can contact Pezant by phone at 357-4424.

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Do's and Don'ts for the freshmen of 2000

Starting college can be an exciting time for freshmen as they meet new friends, become part of a new community and take challenging classes. The first few days in a new environment can be overwhelming, but following some good advice can make the transition easier.

"One thing I would tell incoming students is to get involved in a variety of campus activities," said Kyle Thomas of Shreveport, a senior health and exercise major at the University. "Getting involved in organizations and activities doesn't take a lot of time and can be very beneficial."

The first semester at college can be the most difficult for students, especially those who have never lived away from home.

"Once you get through the first semester, everything is OK," said Jennifer Pellegrin of Thibodaux, a junior chemistry major in the Louisiana Scholars' College.

Pellegrin agrees students should find extracurricular activities they are interested in.

"You should learn to ease into things. Don't try to get involved in too many things at the beginning," she said. "There is plenty of time to try different organizations."

According to Pellegrin, learning to manage your time is one of the most valuable skills she has acquired.

"I use a daily planner, post-it notes, whatever I can," she said. "It's important that I keep everything organized."

Thomas said freshmen should not hesitate to ask for help whenever they need it.

"The faculty love to have students ask questions and show interest," said Thomas. "If you don't understand something, ask the professor. I've done it when I've had problems in a course, and they have always been willing to help."

At this point, incoming freshmen have several more details to take care of before they get to campus.

According to Reatha Cox, director of the Office of New Student Programs, incoming students at the University need to make sure their records are current. Students should confirm that the University has received their high school transcripts. They should also check to see that immunization records are up to date. Male students should also have signed up for Selective Service if they are between 18 and 25.

"Those are the type of things that can hold up a student as they are trying to register and pay fees," said Cox.

Students who are leaving home to attend college should sit down with their parents before leaving to cover some important issues.

"Now is the time for students to find out what expectations their parents have. They need to know the type of performance that is expected before the semester starts. That can head off problems later," said Cox. "And if a child is going to be away, parents need to discuss how often they expect their child to come home or call."



Many freshmen feel lost once they get to school. They can't make heads or tales of the place, and some need guidance. *The Current Sauce* has compiled some do's and don'ts to assist in your new life.

Five Don't's from *The Current Sauce* staff

1. Don't get in the habit of skipping class.

Once you start down this path it will forever dominate your days at NSU.

2. Be careful about telling your parents when you will be home.

Many students get to school and tell mom and dad, "Oh, I'll be home in a couple of weeks. A couple of weeks go by, and there's a party that you must go to. Mom and dad are left high and dry missing their little baby. Angry parents equals less money sent to poor college student.

3.Don't get attached as soon as you arrive.

Many students make the mistake of getting serious with the first person they go out with at college. Don't fall into this pattern. While this person might be your soul mate, chances are that someone you like better will walk in front of you while you are reading this.

4. If your parents give you a credit card, only use it in emergencies, really.

Believe it when your parents tell you to use the little plastic devil for emergencies only. Don't even think about using it for a serious emergency. One beer run to Wal-Mart will lead to another and another and so on. Refer to No. 1 for further illustration.

5. Don't rush the experience.

Slow down and take it all in. While you may be telling yourself that you cannot wait to get out and get a real job, you probably don't mean it. After college, this is probably it for you. Unless you plan to go and get a master's after college, you will be in the real world. Take more than 12 hours every semester. You don't want to be here forever, but at the same time you need to slow down every once in a while and take advantage of college life.

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acceptance among friends and strangers alike. Drinking can also be considered a right of passage.

"Drinking goes back to trying to fit in," Reatha Cox, director of new student programs, said. "You'd think by the time students reach college age the peer pressure wouldn't be there, but unfortunately I think it is."

Drinking can also be a way of celebrating, letting off steam or simply relaxing. But are these rewards worth the risks?

Alcohol risks range from having a hangover to getting a DWI. According to *The New Student Chronicle*, acquaintance rape most often occurs in the context of excessive drinking. Falls, fights and other traumatic incidents can also occur when you've had too much to drink.

Gloria Mayrend, alcohol and drug education coordinator, believes students who drink alcohol in order to cope with life are the ones who either have or eventually will develop alcohol related problems.

"They'll get drunk because they pass a test," Mayrend said. "They'll get drunk because they fail a test. They'll get drunk because they started going steady with somebody or because they broke up with somebody. When it becomes a problem, things need to be done."

So how can you tell if alcohol is becoming a problem?

A major indication that you are abusing alcohol is if you have experienced negative consequences from the quantity and frequency of your drinking. Sexual misconduct, accidents, vandalism and poor grades are all signs of abusive drinking. More subtle consequences include missing class, hurting a relationship or friendship and getting hit with a hangover.

"Instead of saying 'don't do it,'" Mayrend said. "I'm trying to go with 'let's see how we can do this responsibly' to decrease the negative consequences."

One way to become a responsible drinker is to have a limit and stick to it.

Binge drinking generally means consuming five or more drinks for males, four or more for females, in one drinking period. According to *The New Student Chronicle*, one drink is considered 12 oz. of beer, 4 oz. of wine or 1 1/4 oz. of 80 proof liquor. Your drink limit should not exceed the binge level.

For most students, college is a time to experience new things. It's okay for alcohol to be a part of the college experience as long as it doesn't become the college experience.

"The United States loses over 300,000 students a year because of alcohol or drug related problems," Mayrend said. "That's what we're trying to prevent."

If you are uncertain about your drinking patterns or have a friend who has an alcohol related problem, please contact Gloria Mayrend at 663-8082 or visit the Office of Counseling and Career Services on the third floor of the Student Union.

Campus Connections

NSU CLUB SOCCER

The NSU Club Soccer team is looking for new members.The first informational meeting will be held Thursday, August 24, at 5 p.m. behind Watson Library. Everyone is welcome. Any questions, call Cesar Isguitt, at 354-6483.

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The SGA would like to tell all students about a few of the programs they are undertaking this school year. Don't forget to pick up your free scantrons, every Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 222 of the Student Union. You will need a student I.D. to take advantage. Also check out the Book Swap Board while you are there and see if someone has a book you need at a cheaper rate.

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The Current Sauce will not be published next week because of the Labor Day Holiday. The next publication will be Thursday, Sept. 14. Be sure to pick up your copy at the location nearest you.

Thanks,
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Columns parking still a problem

By Raymond Williams
Senior Sauce Reporter

How is the University Columns combating the parking problems faced by their residents?

Jim Short, president of Century Housing Management, said the University Columns, built in 1994, only expected 65% of residents to own cars. Currently, many Columns residents complain they are without parking spots.

"If you're not home by six o'clock you can't find a spot," Junior Cecil Sprague said.

Short said he first noticed that the ratio used to determine how many parking spots allotted for residents was incorrect in the fall of 1995.

Although much time has passed since the first indication of a problem with parking, construction of a new parking lot has yet to occur.

"The hold up is that it is an extremely complex financing structure," Short said.

Short said the process involves many attorneys who are not always under his control. He said these attorneys are responsible for ironing out the legal details of the construction of the new lot.

"Crossing my fingers, I would hope within a couple of months, these documents will be processed and signed [by all parties]," Short said.

With this in mind, Short said construction of a new lot might not begin until the holiday break. He said the upside of the situation is that the engineering plans for the lots were approved about three years ago. This, in turn, will cut the time between the approval of the legal documents between the Columns, the University, the lender and the actual construction to a minimum.

Short said this problem has been "one of the single most frustrating things" he has had to get done.

Many students share this same idea.

"It surprises me that they would even do anything to rectify the situation," sophomore Ben Rice said.

Patrice Johnson, who was blocked in by another car at the time of interview, said she has had to park in the PE majors lot where her car was scratched up by a passerby. Fearing a reoccurrence, she said she dislikes parking her car outside of the Columns. Even so, she still has to park in the in the other lot due to lack of parking spaces.

"We sincerely have not been dragging this out on purpose," Short said. "We've been largely ineffective in getting this done," he continued.

Sprague, resident of two years, said he would be surprised if the lot was done before he graduated in 2002.

However, freshman Halston Manshack remained optimistic about the estimated start date of construction.

Gunn elected to University of Louisiana Board

By Bessie Renfrow
Contributing Reporter

David Gunn, Student Government Association president, has recently been elected to the University of Louisiana Board.

"What drew me to want to run was to be a college student with a voice," Gunn said of his election. "To be able to voice the concerns of over 80,000 faculty members and students was something I thought I could do quite well."

Working in conjunction with the Board of Regents, the University of Louisiana Board deals with issues that arise from all state universities. This board consists of sixteen members.

Gunn does not expect this position to adversely affect his ability to carry out his duties as SGA President at the University.

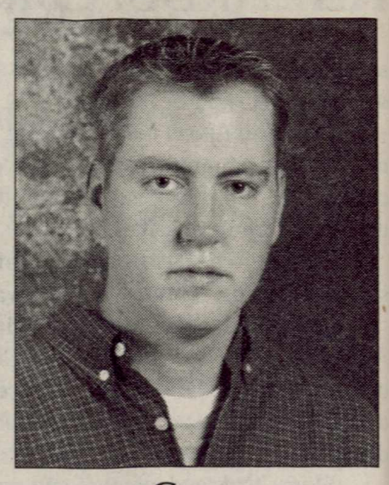
During his absences from University affairs, Gunn is confident in the abilities of SGA Vice-President Rusty Broussard.

"I have full confidence in Rusty Broussard, and I know he will do the same job as I would in my absence," Gunn said.

The governor appoints two from each of the seven congressional districts. One is an at large member, and the other is a student member. The student member is chosen from the presidents of each university on the board. All of the SGA presidents met for one afternoon last session.

After just a few short hours, Gunn ws elected as the new student member. Although he was elected in May, Gunn's term does not officially start until the first of September.

As a member of this board, Gunn will be focusing mainly on



Gunn

academic and student affairs, personnel, grievances, and legislation. Gunn feels like this is a good thing for Northwestern and will give him an inside voice.

Gunn can be reached at 357-4501 or at his office in the Student Government Association suite on the second floor of the Student Union.

Computer classes available

The Northwestern State University Small Business Development Center will offer introductory classes to new or novice users of Microsoft Office 2000, which includes Word, Excel and Power Point.

Individual classes are $50 each or $135 for all three. Class size is limited to 15 people.

Two sections of the course on Microsoft Word will be offered. The first section will be Sept. 19-20 in Room 113 of Russell Hall on the University's Natchitoches Campus.

The second class will be Oct. 17-18 in Room 146 of the University Center at England Airpark in Alexandria.

Participants will learn basic editing, margins, letter, memo and report writing, saving and retrieving documents and some desktop publishing. They will also receive instruction on merging documents.

The introduction to Excel class will be held on Sept. 26-27 in Room 113 of Russell Hall on the University's Natchitoches Campus and Oct. 25-26 in Room 146 of the University Center at England Airpark in Alexandria.

Topics will include data entry and formatting, creating formulas, copying and linking cells. There will be an emphasis on creating charts and graphs from data.

Participants in the introduction to Power Point class to be held Oct. 3-4 will learn the latest in computer presentations. Power Point is easy to learn yet a powerful way of presenting data to a group.

Participants will learn to develop slide shows, import clip art and pictures, set timing and other useful techniques. This class will be held in Room 113 of Russell Hall on the University's Natchitoches campus.

Walter Creighton, Professor of Business at Northwestern will teach the classes. He is currently the computer lab coordinator in the College of Business and an instructor of microcomputer applications.

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Nominations for the SAB Board. There will be one representative from each dorm and from the University Columns.

Demons come out at Night Pep Rally
10:00 pm Turpin Stadium



Campus

SGA Senate Minutes for 8/28/2000

Student Government Association Meeting 8/28/00

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

Roll Call

Absent:

Amanda Barrios
Michael Ward
Leanne Anderson
Justin Chandler

Present:

Frank Toro
Dustin Floyd
Wayne Bush
Joseph Longlois
Joni Naquin
Will Hooper
Jennifer Paul
Christopher Todd Yore
Jack Givens
Vanessa Byrd
Shymika Stephenson
Ja'Juan Allen
Matt Comeaux
Rusty Broussard
David Gunn
John Michael McConnell

I. The prayer was led by Andrew Davies. The pledge was led by Ja'Juan Allen.

II. Officer Reports

Treasurer-John-Michael McConnell not present yet.

Vice-President-The elections are the 20th of September here in the union and September 21st in Iberville dining hall. The runoffs will be Sept 27th and 28th here in the union. Mr. Henry and I have setup all the stuff for the elections so mark these dates on your calendar and be prepared to work the polls on these days. The chair and vice chair of the election committee need to see me as soon as possible to prepare the organizational letters to inform them of the nomination process.

Breakfast with the President will get on the ball very soon. I have been speaking with the president and we were thinking about not just having breakfast but maybe lunch or dinner with the president.

A cabinet meeting was held last week and I would like to thank all of the chairs who attended and I know that all of you will do an excellent job in each of your departments. As always if anything is needed from me, just get in touch.

T-shirts are out on bid so I am waiting to get info back from the places.

The retreat will be held Sept 8th and 9th so inform me of any conflicts so we can work it out. It is extremely important that the new senators attend this retreat. If anyone wants to help me out the finishing touches on the retreat, please let me know.

I'm also glad that scantron giveaway went well today...good job Vanessa!

That is all and if you have any questions about anything please get in touch with me:office 357-4501 home 354-2220..

President-see typed pages

III. Committee Reports

Academic Affairs-Vanessa Byrd advertised for the Book Swap Board, scantron giveaway, and this committee.

External Affairs-Andrew Davies put in a request for the SGA radio show.

Meetings will be held every Tuesday at 5:00pm. Fill out your profile sheet.

Club Sports-Matt Comeaux is trying to start swimming and golf.

Internal Affairs-Rusty Broussard said this position will be headed by the Speaker.

Fiscal Affairs-John-Michael McConnell is trying to get the budget together for next meeting.

IV. New Business

Andrew Davies moved to restore the budget back to the senate. Matt Comeaux seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Matt Comeaux moved to allocate $2000 for organizational grants. Amanda Barrios seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion was passed.

The following were appointed and approved to serve as Senators At Large:

Shaun Jackson
Glenn Ward
Justin Owen
Jessica Cramer
Casey Ponder

Paul Monteleon was approved for the graduate class position.

Jared Monroe was approved for the freshman class position.

Jeremiah Newsom was approved for the sophomore class position.

Niko Tesovich was approved for the Supreme Court.

David Gunn swore in all new senators and Supreme Court members.

Ja'Juan Allen, Jack Givens, Frank Torro, and Shaun Jackson volunteered for the Fiscal affairs committee.

Matt Comeaux moved for a general consent. Amanda Barrios seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

David Gunn appoints Matt Comeaux and Shymika Stephenson to the STAT Board.

Andrew Davies moves for a general consent. Amanda Barrios seconded. The motion was passed.

Joni Naquin volunteered to chair the election board. Shaun Jackson volunteered to vice-chair the election board. Matt Comeaux moved to approve.

Andrew Davies seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Matt Comeaux volunteered to chair the organizational grants committee. Rusty Broussard closed the floor.

Jeremiah Newsom and Casey Ponder both volunteered to chair the IM Committee. Paul Monteleon moved to allow them to be co-chairs. Matt Comeaux seconded. The motion was passed.

Will Hooper volunteered to be the SAB non-voting member. Rusty Broussard closed the floor.

Amanda Barrios nominated Vanessa Byrd for the Speaker of the Senate. Vanessa accepts the nomination. Then Joni Naquin nominates Matt Comeaux. Matt declines the nomination. Vanessa speaks of her behalf. Ja'Juan Allen moves to close the floor. Amanda Barrios seconded. The motion was passed.

The senate moved to approve the media boards appointments of Allan Posh as editor of the Potpourri, Josh Beavers as editor of the Current Sauce, and Raymond Williams as general manager of KNWD.

V. Announcements

Rusty Broussard passed the committee sheet and phone list around. He thanked SAB, Mr. Henry, and David Gunn for their help this summer.

Mr. Henry challenges the senate to carry out their responsibilities for a great year.

Vanessa Byrd resigns as Academic Affairs chair.

Joseph Longlois spoke of problems at the rec center.

Rusty Broussard opened new business again.

VI. New Business

Matt Comeaux nominates Amanda Barrios as Academic Affairs Chair.

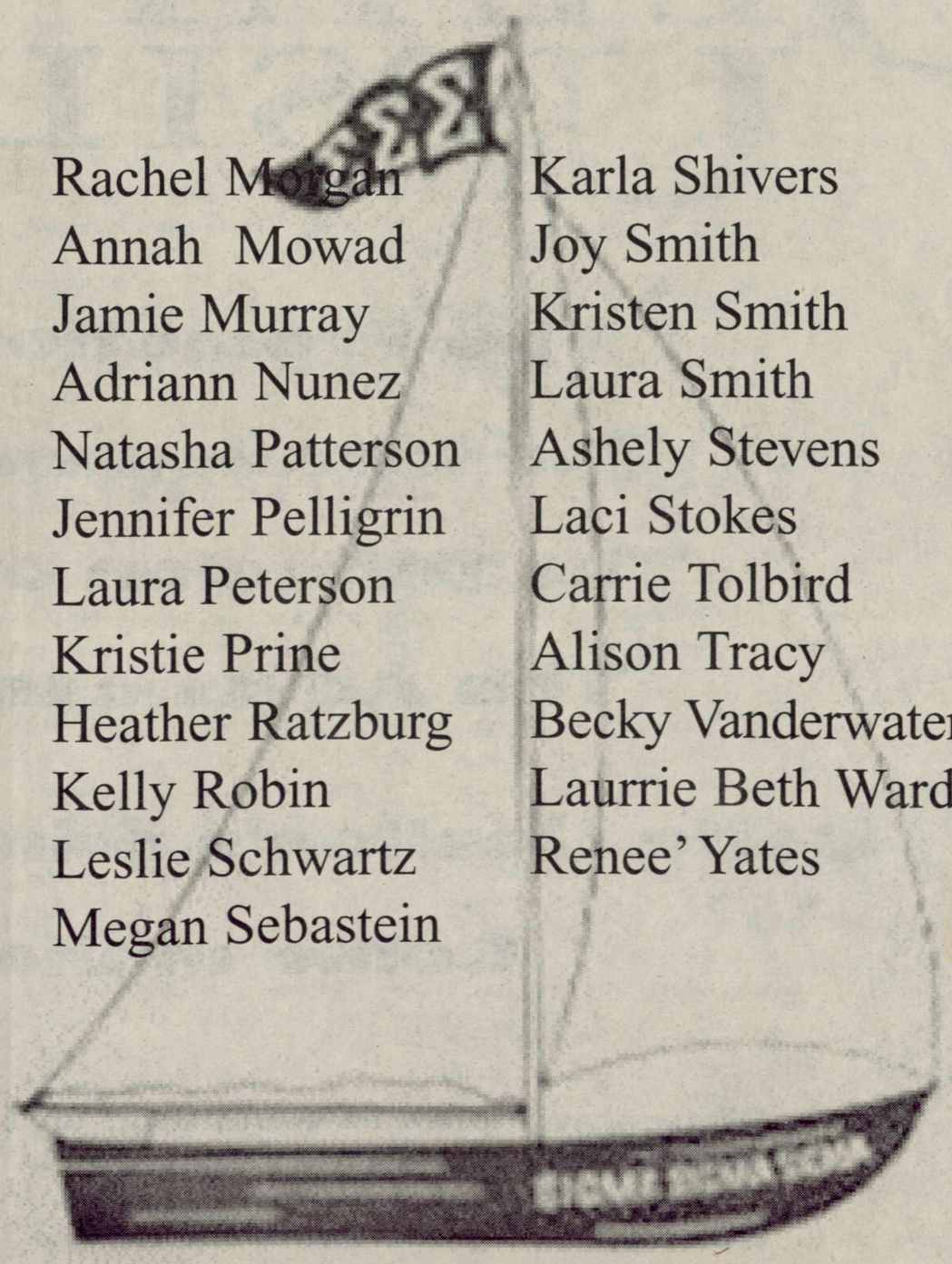
She accepts the nomination. Rusty Broussard closes the floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

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Sailing with the Best

State

New website may help teachers find jobs in Louisiana

Associated Press

The World Wide Web may be the link to filling a critical shortage of certified teachers in Louisiana, state officials say.

In the works is an electronic recruitment center to link unemployed certified teachers to available positions in school districts statewide.

The system will also help principals find certified teachers who list their names with the job bank.

"The new system will help in-state job applicants and also let teachers from outside the state see job openings in Louisiana by going to the Web site," said Jeanne Burns, teacher quality project director.

The Web address hasn't been picked yet. The project is part of a multi-pronged initiative to help improve teacher quality in Louisiana's classrooms.

The project is funded in part by a $3.4 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

An early version of the system should be online in a few weeks after state educators gather employment information from local school districts and the state education department.

The online job bank is being developed by the state's top education boards.

About 13 percent of the state's 54,000 public school teachers aren't fully certified for their jobs, officials say.

Education secretary visits rural schools of Louisiana and surrounding states

Associated Press

U.S. Education Secretary Richard Riley, traveling in a big yellow bus, wrapped up an overnight visit to Louisiana here Monday morning and headed for Arkansas to continue his tour of Delta country schools.

The tour began Sunday evening in Monroe, where he addressed a crowd of about 200 before heading for a school in Rayville.

``Together we can end the tyranny of low expectations. Every one of our children need to have high expectations,'' he said.

His mode of transportation on the Mississippi Delta tour is the ``Success Express'' a big yellow vehicle resembling a school bus but with more amenities.

"Rural communities, to maintain their vitality, need to build strong partnerships with their schools," Riley said during his tour.

Accompanied by educators and local officials, Riley is visiting rural schools over the next four days in Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri and Illinois to highlight schools that are often overlooked.

``Often times we don't pay as much attention as we should to schools in rural areas, small towns and cities,'' Riley said.

The nation's top education policy-maker's trip also promises to goad the GOP-led Congress into passing the Clinton administration's nationwide school construction and teacher hiring proposals.

He said Louisiana would receive about $470 million in interest-free bonds under such proposals that would aid many rural schools.

Riley, who is the longest serving education secretary, will release a report during his tour detailing what's needed to improve rural education. The report focuses on schools in 10 states in the Deep South, Appalachia and the Great Plains.

"These schools," he said, suffer from falling enrollments, underpaid teachers, crumbling buildings, poor communities and poor housing stock that draws limited property tax money for supplies and other needs."

Students studying online stick with the program

Associated Press

People who take electronic courses with state universities are sticking with it.

Eighty-three percent of electronic classroom students are successfully completing courses they start, state education officials said recently.

And that's comparable to the performance of students taking courses in traditional campus classroom settings, state Board of Regents Associate Commissioner Michael Abbiatti said.

``The students taking these courses are highly motivated. The onus on learning is on students, not instructors,'' Abbiatti said.

Abbiatti reported on progress made in electronic classroom instruction during a Board of Regents session.

Electronic courses are those offered exclusively through the Internet, compressed video or satellite TV connections.

Statistics reveal that in the fall 1999, there were 5,341 students taking 265 electronically offered courses. Of those, 83.5 percent completed the course work.

In spring 2000, there were 7,381 students taking 376 courses.

Of those, 83.2 percent completed the course work.

Regents Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs Carolyn Hargrave said electronic classes are gaining in popularity.

``When students get into it, they stick with it,'' Hargrave said.

Since fall 1998, when statistics started being kept, the number of students taking the courses has jumped from 3,120 students to 7,381.

Two full-degree programs are available electronically.

Grambling State University offers an online computer information systems degree and Northwestern State University offers a criminal justice degree.

Abbiatti said online courses are more difficult than traditional courses.

``It takes a lot of discipline, and you have to spend time with it. The responsibility for learning is handed off to the students,'' he said.

Abbiatti said the electronic courses are particularly popular with older students.

``The 17- to 21-year-olds are still going to the campus. But for older students it's tailor made,'' he said.

Abbiatti said long-distance learning classes generally cover the same information as courses held on campus.

Shreveport administrator charged with second DWI

Associated Press

Shreveport chief administrative officer Ken Antee faces a second-offense driving while intoxicated charge after being arrested early Sunday.

Antee said he was returning home from a Louisiana Tech football game and that he had had a couple of drinks with friends before he was arrested by DWI officer Denver Ramsey.

``I was not intoxicated,'' Antee said.

After being released on a $2,500 bond, Antee said he went to a health center to get a blood test done at around 2:30 a.m., more than an hour after the booking.

He said that test showed a reading of .041 blood-alcohol level, within the legal level of .1 percent.

``Because of the past, I have made a conscious effort not to be intoxicated. And that is why I took the blood test. I knew I had to prove my innocence,'' he said.

According to police reports, Ramsey saw Antee driving his 1995 Lexus with only the fog lamps on while running a stop sign.

Ramsey didn't pull Antee over at that point, but continued to follow the chief administrative officer as he drove toward downtown.

Ramsey said he saw Antee put on his seat belt and that he then decided to pull Antee over.

Antee said he took a field sobriety test but refused to take a Breathalyzer test because he felt it would be less accurate.

Antee was arrested in 1994 on a DWI charge while driving home from a Shreveport Pirates football game. He pleaded guilty and said he made a ``stupid mistake.''

He was fined and placed on probation for that offense, which was expunged in 1998. However, the offense can still be used on subsequent offenses.

Earlier this year, Antee was acquitted of a 1999 DWI offense in Baton Rouge due to a lack of evidence, malfunctioning police equipment and conflicting testimony. He was, however, found guilty of improper lane usage and fined.

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Two die in Arkansas college shooting

Associated Press

A University of Arkansas English professor and a graduate student who was recently dropped from the doctoral program were shot to death in an apparent murder-suicide.

English professor John Locke, 67, and James Easton Kelly, 36, were found dead Monday in Locke's office. People nearby said they heard the men arguing before three shots were fired.

University police Capt. Brad Bruns said a .38-caliber revolver belonging to Kelly was found between the men, but it was unclear who shot whom.

``We don't want to say it was one way and it turn out to be a different way. With the location of the gun and the two bodies, it was not obvious at the scene,'' said university policeman Lt. Gary Crain.

Bruns said four empty shell casings were found in the gun, which Kelly bought at a pawn shop five years ago.



Associated Press

Two people were killed at the University of Arkansas after an enraged graduate student entered an English professor's office and opened fire. The gunman, 36 year-old James Easton Kelly, shot Professor John Locke and then turned the gun upon himself. The incident occurred after Kelly was dropped from the doctoral program at the University of Arkansas.

Kelly was dismissed from the doctoral program Aug. 21 because he habitually enrolled in and then dropped classes. The university said a committee of six professors voted to drop Kelly from the program. Locke was on the committee but abstained from the vote.

The committee allowed Kelly to continue his studies as a non-degree student.

Kelly had scheduled a meeting with Locke, his adviser, who was reluctant to meet the student in private.

``He said he was going to have it in the department office, not his own office,'' said Brian Wilkie, a fellow professor. ``I asked him if he (Kelly) seemed violent, and he said `You never know.'''

Bruns said police had a brief conversation with one of the men before the final shot was fired.

"The man told them he was injured and that he did not want them to enter the office," Bruns said. "But he said a police negotiator never got a chance to talk with anyone in the second-floor office."

``I heard one gunshot followed by a ... man's voice saying, `No, I didn't do anything,''' said Bethany Edstrom, a graduate student who was in a nearby office. ``Then I heard a second shot.''

Student Drew Terry said he was sitting with friends outside Kimpel Hall, a classroom and office building near the heart of the 15,000-student campus, when people fled from the building around noon.

``People were scattering everywhere. The whole area was full of people running around out here,'' he said.

Chancellor John White said Locke enrolled as a doctoral student in the university's English program in 1990 and later switched to comparative literature.

``All of us at the university are all deeply upset,'' White said.

Locke was interested in oriental mythology and religions and studied Zen Buddhism, said James Whitehead, professor emeritus of creative writing. Whitehead and others said Locke's death was unfathomable.

``It's as if he was walking to school on a cloudless day and got struck by lightning,'' Whitehead said.

Both President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton taught law there in the mid 1970s.

The shooting ``strikes a particularly sad chord for Hillary and me, who both had the privilege of teaching at this wonderful institution,'' Clinton said in a statement.

Firestone admits tire mislabeling; let the recall begin

Associated Press

"Some Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. tires supplied to Ford Motor Co. in Venezuela did not have a nylon layer even though they had been labeled as having that safety feature," the tire maker said.

On Tuesday, a Ford spokesman disputed part of the tire company's explanation saying the automaker had asked for the safety feature years earlier than Bridgestone/Firestone started producing it.

Venezuelan authorities are investigating the tires in connection with 62 accidents and are expected to submit a report to the country's attorney general that could lead to fines or criminal prosecution against the tire maker and Ford.

Bridgestone/Firestone said the mistake has been corrected, and the company has no plans to recall tires made in Venezuela even though Ford said it is pushing for one.

"However, Venezuelan dealers were asked Thursday to return their inventories of mislabeled tires to the company," Bridgestone/Firestone spokeswoman Christine Karbowiak said.

Another company spokesman, Ken Fields, said Ford asked for a layer of nylon between the steel belts and tread of two types of Wilderness AT tires in January 1999.

"Firestone's Venezuela plant began producing those modified tires six months later," Fields said. "Before that, modification went into effect, however, Firestone ``inadvertently began marking tires without a cap ply (nylon layer) as tires that had a cap ply,''

But Ford spokesman Mike Vaughn on Tuesday disagreed with Fields' account. Vaughn said Ford had asked for the nylon-reinforced tires in 1996, when it first started selling Explorers in Venezuela.

Vaughn said he didn't know why Firestone said Ford did not specify the nylon layer until 1999. Fields could not be immediately reached for comment.

On Monday, Fields could not say how long the tires were mismarked or how many mismarked tires were delivered.

``This mismarking situation is totally unrelated to the U.S. recall,'' Karbowiak said. ``None of the mismarked tires were made in the United States or exported to the United States.''

Ford said the nylon layer was needed to accommodate hotter, more humid weather and more demanding driving conditions in Venezuela, Ecuador and Colombia.



Associated Press

The Bridgestone/Firestone company, a tire manufacturer, began the recall in the U.S. of 6.5 million of their tires after some of the tires were found without a safety feature on them.

Some 6.5 million Firestone ATX, ATX II and Wilderness AT tires were recalled in the United States after the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration began investigating reports of at least 62 deaths and more than 100 injuries in crashes that could be connected to the 15-inch tires.

The tires were standard equipment on Ford trucks and sport utility vehicles, especially the Explorer, and were primarily made in Decatur, Ill.

The tire maker's parent company, Bridgestone Corp. of Japan, said Tuesday it had boosted production in Japan by 650,000 tires to help fill the need for replacement tires in the United States.

Bridgestone also said it had chartered a jumbo jet to ship those tires to the United States beginning next Monday. It has already shipped some 2,000 Japanese-made tires to the United States on regularly scheduled flights.

Two Commerce Committee subcommittees will hold a joint hearing Sept. 6 into the case, with Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., presiding.

"Ford, Firestone and safety experts will be called to testify," Tauzin spokesman Ken Johnson said.

``We are getting the cooperation of the two companies, which is good. But they (congressional investigators) have basically confirmed what the news reports have told us that the recall is going awfully spottily," Tauzin said Tuesday on CBS' *The Early Show*.

He said the recall was being handled ``terribly. ... Three more people got killed just a weekend ago while the recall is going on. ... It's been a terrible mess and frankly we've got to find out why.''

Johnson said the hearings will investigate why the problem did not come to light sooner, and could lead to tougher requirements for companies to report when their products are defective.

"Ford began voluntarily replacing tires on about 40,000 Explorers and light trucks in Venezuela this spring after reports of tread separations," said Ford spokesman Mike Vaughn.

Rep. John Dingell of Michigan, the ranking Democrat on the House Commerce Committee, said Bridgestone/Firestone officials told congressional investigators that nine models made and sold in Venezuela - not two - had been mislabeled.

"The investigators also discovered that Firestone knew about the problem in Venezuela last year," Dingell said.

House GOP urges $1 minimum wage hike

Associated Press

Signs of compromise have emerged for a bill to raise the minimum wage by $1 over two years, now that House Speaker Dennis Hastert proposed to move the legislation without two key tax cut proposals that drew objections from President Clinton.

Senior White House officials and Democratic congressional leaders said Monday that Hastert's offer could represent a breakthrough in long-stalled negotiations on size and speed of a minimum wage increase and the composition of an accompanying package of tax breaks for business.

``We will study Speaker Hastert's offer and hope to work with the GOP, which now seems possible for the first time, to produce a bill that is in the best interest of working Americans,'' said House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo.

Hastert, R-Ill., said in a letter to Clinton that Republicans still wanted a $76 billion package of business tax breaks paired with the wage measure. But they would remove proposals to abolish the estate tax and to change pension laws, including increased contribution limits for 401(k) plans. Both are subjects of separate bills moving on their own.

Democrats have long sought in these prosperous economic times to increase the $5.15-an-hour federal minimum wage, but Republicans say tax breaks are needed to cushion the higher costs that would fall on businesses.

``It is very clear that a vast majority of congressional Democrats and Republicans would like to see a balanced approach achieved before we adjourn,'' Hastert said in the letter to Clinton. ``I believe that we can work together to pass this legislation when we return in September with strong bipartisan majorities in the House and Senate.''

According to Clinton administration estimates, about 10 million workers earning between $5.15 and $6.14 an hour would be directly helped by a $1 minimum wage increase. For a full-time worker now earning minimum wage, it would amount to a $2,000 annual raise.

Gene Sperling, the president's chief economic adviser, said the White House would ``take a fresh look'' at the tax package now that ``the most objectionable poison pills'' were removed.

``If this movement reflects a Republican willingness to work with us to remove remaining barriers, then perhaps we can come to a bill the president could sign,'' Sperling said.

Republicans are divided on the merits of increasing the minimum wage, but with House control at stake in the fall elections some want to head off potential Democratic attack ads claiming they favor tax cuts that skew to the wealthy, such as abolishing estate taxes, but have done nothing to give raises to the lowest-paid workers.

Under Hastert's proposal, the minimum wage would rise to $6.15 an hour over two years: 50 cents on Jan. 1 and 50 cents on Jan. 1, 2002. The proposal would provide business tax breaks worth $76 billion over 10 years, down from $122.7 billion in an earlier House version of the bill.

The tax package includes:

-Immediate 100 percent health insurance premium deductibility for the self-employed, sooner than under current law. Individuals could deduct from their taxes 100 percent of health expenses without itemizing, if they are not covered by an employer or government plan or by Medicare.

-Repealing excise taxes on producers and marketers of distilled spirits, wine and beer.

-Raising the business meal deduction from 50 percent to 80 percent; increasing the amount of business equipment eligible for an expensing tax write-off from $19,000 to $35,000; providing tax credits for timber companies' reforestation costs; and restoring a law allowing a business seller to pay taxes in installments rather than requiring a lump sum.

-Extending through 2004 the Work Opportunity Tax Credit, given to employers that hire certain disadvantaged workers.

The speaker's plan would also make changes in several workplace regulations: updating exemptions for computer professionals, changing employer rules for workers who receive tips, equalizing rules for sales people and changing the way overtime is calculated when hourly workers get bonuses or performance incentives.

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World

ETA blamed for shooting death of Spanish politician

Associated Press

A politician was gunned down Tuesday in the street of a northern town in the latest of a series of slayings blamed on the armed Basque separationist group ETA.

"Manuel Indiano, 29, was shot 10 times in the chest and abdomen outside his candy store in Zumarraga, a Basque town, about 250 miles north of Madrid," police said.

Indiano, who authorities said refused police protection normally offered politicians in the Basque region, died in the town's hospital an hour after the attack. His wife, pregnant with their first child, was admitted to a hospital later in shock.

Although not a member of the governing Popular Party, Indiano became a councilor in Zumarraga for the party six months ago. The conservative party fiercely opposes Basque separatism and other moves to change Spain's political makeup.

No one took responsibility for the shooting, but Interior Ministry officials immediately blamed ETA, which began its campaign for independence of the three-province northern region in 1968.

The killing brought to 12 the number of slayings - five this month - attributed to ETA since it ended a 14-month truce last December.

The group, whose name stands for Basque Homeland and Freedom, has admitted killing nearly 800 people. It normally claims responsibility for its attacks several weeks after carrying them out.

Officials believe the latest ETA campaign seeks to push the government to the negotiating table. A single round of talks during last year's truce ended in stalemate.

The killing was condemned by political parties, labor unions and Amnesty International.

``We are faced once again with the confirmation that the terrorist group ETA has no other aim but to impose its will on others and exterminate all those who don't think like they do,'' said deputy Prime Minister Marian Rajoy.

Demonstrations were called for later Tuesday in the Basque provincial capitals of San Sebastian, Bilbao and Vitoria while five-minute silent vigils were to be held at town halls across Spain on Wednesday.

While security force members have long been ETA's main target, in recent years the organization has begun killing more politicians, particularly those of Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar's Popular Party.

Aznar, who was on a visit to Poland on Tuesday, survived a car-bomb attempt on his life in 1995 when he was in the opposition.



Associated Press

Spanish police investigate the scene of a brutal massacre when a Spanish politician was gunned down outside of a candy store in Zumarraga, Spain. Manuel Indiano, 29, was shot in the chest and abdomen 10 times. Police blame the Basque separationist group ETA for the brutal attack.

Clinton meets Egyptian President Mubarak in peace quest

Associated Press

President Clinton and Egyptian President Mubarak, emerging as the two main mediators in Mideast peacemaking, committed themselves to finding a solution but indicated no breakthrough was near after meeting Tuesday.

The two met for an hour and a half at a lavish reception room at the Cairo airport after Clinton touched down in Egypt on the way home from an African tour that included a disappointing failure to reach a peace accord for Burundi.

They made no remarks after their meeting, but Amr Moussa, Mubarak's foreign minister, said the session was ``good, positive and important.''

Moussa said Clinton brought no new plan, ``but there are ways and proposals and ideas'' that could allow Israelis and Palestinians to move closer together in the next few days.

A statement issued by Barak's office afterward said the prime minister estimates that chances of reaching an Israeli-Palestinian agreement ``are 50-50.''

``Barak went over the main Israeli positions in general and on Jerusalem in particular and said that Israel has yet to hear anything yet that shows openness or flexibility'' from Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, according to the statement.

There was no immediate comment from the Palestinians.

Speaking on Israeli radio, Israeli Foreign Minister Shlomo Ben-Ami said the Americans are drafting a paper summarizing what was agreed to at last month's Camp David summit in an effort to spur further discussions.



Associated Press

President Clinton (left) and Egyptian President Mubarak (right) met Tuesday to discuss a solution for peace keeping in the Mideast. No breakthrough was found after the meeting.

Both the Israelis and Palestinians will be asked to comment on the paper.

``Parts of the American summation may not be acceptable to us, nor to the Palestinians,'' he said. ``The American position is the position of the mediator who summarized discussions. and around this, I hope we can put together the document that will enable the leaders to work on Sept. 6.''

Barak and Arafat will both be in New York on that date for the United Nations' Millennium Summit. Clinton is expected to meet separately with each leader, although no three-way talks are currently planned.

During the Clinton-Mubarak meeting, the two leaders reviewed the flurry of peacemaking meetings that followed a failed summit last month between Arafat and Barak at Camp David, Ross said.

The Cairo meeting ``was also a chance to consult about how best to be helpful to the parties and how the two of us (Egypt and the United States) can be working together to be most helpful to them in order to try to move toward an agreement,'' Ross said.

Moussa said it was impossible to say whether another Camp David style summit could soon be convened.

After encouraging democratic advances in a visit to Nigeria, Clinton had hoped to witness the signing of an accord in Arusha. He told ethnic Tutsis and Hutus: ``When all is said and done, only you can bring an end to the bloodshed and sorrow your country has suffered.''

It was similar to past U.S. messages for the Middle East, where Clinton has played an intense role.

Mubarak said before welcoming Clinton for their early-morning meeting that he is optimistic that Israel and the Palestinians can reach an agreement by next month.

Both Israelis and Palestinians want their capital in the city revered by Jews, Muslims and Christians.

Publicly at least, the Egyptians have indicated they would not try to force concessions from Arafat, who stuck to a demand for sovereignty over east Jerusalem, captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war. At Camp David, the Israelis offered only limited sovereignty, not enough for Arafat but a major step away from the previous Israeli position.

However, Mubarak has apparently tried to persuade Arafat to shelve his threat to declare Palestinian statehood unilaterally if negotiations with Israel failed to provide that dividend by Sept. 13, the deadline set by the two sides. Arafat met with Egyptian officials Saturday in Alexandria, Egypt.

Clinton presided over the failed Israeli-Palestinian peace talks at Camp David, in Maryland's Catoctin Mountains, and has since pledged to do whatever he can to help the two sides along.

He said he decided to visit Mubarak because the Egyptian leader was not planning to attend next month's United Nations Millennium summit in New York, where Clinton is to make a broad push to renew Israeli-Palestinian talks.

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The *View* from the **Front Row**

By Larry Collins
Life Editor

Mental Madonna

Madonna has gone from Material Girl to Evita and now she is back to square one. I have come to the conclusion that Madonna has once again lost her damn mind.

No matter how far she goes to creating a reputable and creative image, Madonna seems to find some way to erase it from the minds of all of her harshest critics. Her high-sexed, trashy antics eclipse all of the brilliant work that she produces.

There is no questioning that she is one the most artistically talented musicians of our time and probably the shrewdest businesswoman in the industry. She has worked hard for the industry respect that is bestowed on her. Knowing her accomplishments and the lengths that she will go to for art is what makes it so hard to understand why she would choose to throw all of that away for simple shock value.



Madonna

Her latest video for her new track, *Music*, is a prime example of mental Madonna. I can look past the fact that the song itself is a bit off-kilter, but the video looks like the rejected scenes from *Debbie Does Dallas featuring her Horny Lesbian Friends*. This video is a far cry from such visually pleasing Madonna offerings such as *Vogue* or *Rain*.

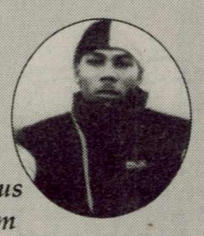
I understand and respect that as an artist she is able to express herself freely, but she has to think about it first. I would think that she would want to have more than the millions of dollars that she earns from her sexual exploits. From what I know about Madonna, I imagine that she would long from the respect and admiration that definitely doesn't come from exposing oneself for all of the free world.

I'm not suggesting that she shy away from the controversial songs and videos that have helped to shape her career, but there should be some taste involved. Probably her two most controversial songs/videos, *Like A Prayer* and *Justify My Love* were forgivable because of their creative and artistic merit. They were both ground breaking and clever.

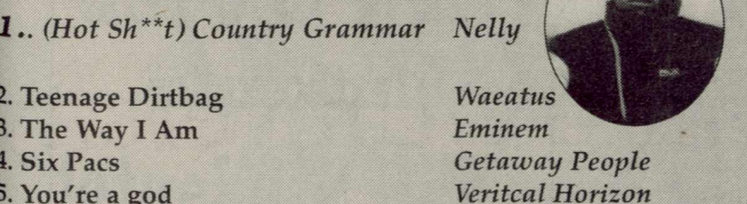
Her multi-Grammy Award winning CD, *Ray of Light* was fresh and inspired. Why she would release something so sub-standard as a follow-up to such a fantastic album is beyond me. Maybe she knows what she is doing... self-reinvention seems to be her specialty.

I have always been an enormous fan and admirer of Madonna, but I am finding it more difficult to defend her capers to the masses of bible-quoting critics. I'm sure that she will produce something brilliant once again to save face, but until then my finger will remain on the remote control poised to change channels at the slightest hint of the horrid video for *Music*.

The Current Sauce **Top 25**



1.	*(Hot Sh**t) Country Grammar*	*Nelly*
2.	Teenage Dirtbag	*Waeatus*
3.	The Way I Am	*Eminem*
4.	Six Pacs	*Getaway People*
5.	You're a god	*Veritcal Horizon*
6.	Kryptonite	*3 Doors Down*
7.	One Voice	*Billy Gilman*
8.	Girl from the Gutter	*Kina*
9.	It's My Life	*Bon Jovi*
10.	Change Your Mind	*Sister Hazel*
11.	Boyz in the Hood	*Dynamite Hack*
12.	I Think I'm in Love	*Jessica Simpson*
13.	You're anOcean	*Fastball*
14.	Wonderful	*Everclear*
15.	Come on Over	*Christina Aguilera*
16.	Jumpin' Jumpin'	*Destiny's Child*
17.	What You Want	*DMX feat. Sisqo*
18.	I Need You	*Leanne Rimes*
19.	Lucky	*Britney Spears*
20.	Promise	*Eve 6*
21.	Last Resort	*Papa Roach*
22.	Why Didn't You Call Me?	*Macy Gray*
23.	There You Go	*Pink*
24.	I Wanna Know	*Joe*
25.	With Arms Wide Open	*Creed*

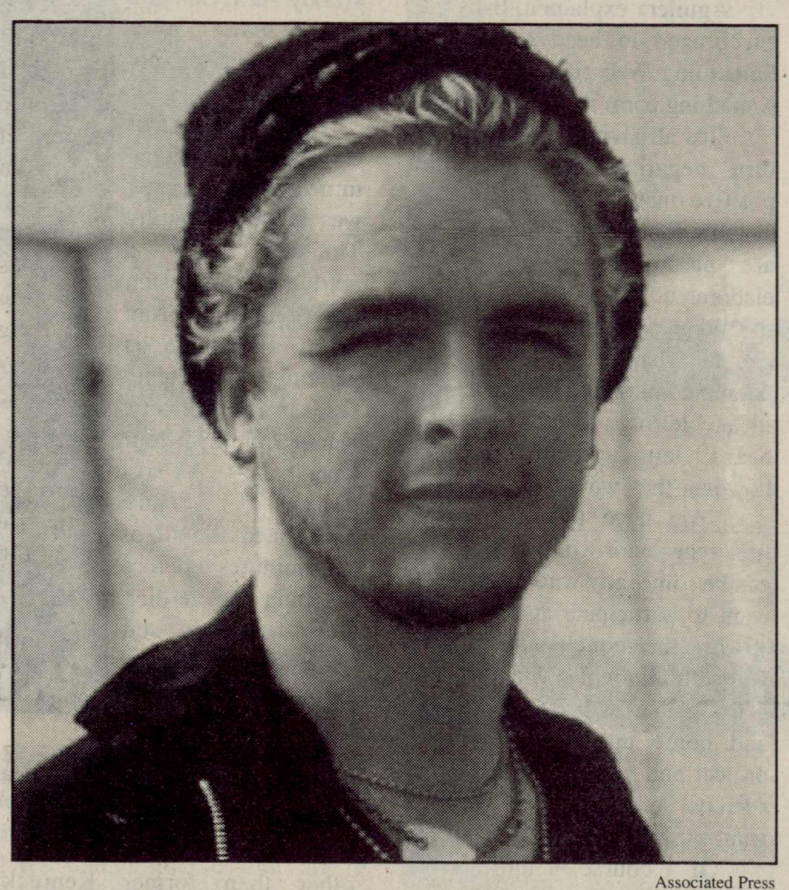


Entertaining Politics: *Red, White and Green Day*

If Pat Buchanan and Ralph Nader can run for president, why not Green Day frontman Billie Joe Armstrong? With the release of the band's new album, Warning, a little over a month away, Armstrong has donned a black suit and red tie and hit the campaign trail with a his own cliché-ridden political advertisement on the Reprise Records Web site (www.repriserec.com/gdpromo/green.ram).

The streaming minute long clip, billed as "a public service announcement for the youth of America," features Armstrong sporting a hardhat while he presses the flesh with construction workers and school children, poses with his dog and sits on a park bench with his wife (played by drummer Tré Cool in drag).

The camera also shows Armstrong sharing a power shake with his running mate, bassist Mike Dirnt. In the background, a voiceover touts Armstrong as "a leader with a flair for leadership and the ability to lead," with "drive, determination and stick-to-it-iveness." His campaign slogan? "Burning a Bridge to the 21st Century."



Associated Press

Could this be the face of the next leader of the United States of America? Will Billie Joe Armstrong of Green Day be the next president?

Directly following the pro-Armstrong clip is an anti-Armstrong smear ad, asking, "What do you really know about Billie Joe Armstrong? Did you know that he's a dick? And that he has a really ugly wife?"

All kidding aside, though, Armstrong says that Warning (out Oct. 3) doesn't necessarily offer up too much in the way of political commentary, though some of the songs do tackle topical concerns.

"I'm not really much of a politician," says the singer, "but a song like 'Warning' is . . . it's just sort of how like there's always these warning labels — 'don't cross these lines,' 'don't do this,' 'don't do that,'— and how it can become really suffocating. I hate being told what I can and can't do. Pretty soon we're not going to be doing anything and all of us are going to be ordering our groceries through the Internet."

Armstrong says the idea for another song, "Fashion Victim," sprang out of a shirt Tré Cool sported that was riddled with bullet holes and bore the legend, "Versace Fashion Victim #1."

"I just started coming up with lyrics about fashion victims, and how you're supposed to have the perfect body to fit these perfect clothes and you go into these stores and there's these clothes that were designed for eleven-year-old Japanese girls," says Armstrong. "It's been part of our society the whole time, but now I think it's sort of escalated into where fashion models are donating their eggs for $20,000 a pop so that you can make these perfect human beings. To me, that is sort of parallel to Hitler's perfect society."

The tribe and viewers have spoken - Island fever sweeps the country

By Randall S. Fredrick
LIFE Reporter

The season finale of *"Survivor"* blew all competition out of the water. An estimated 51.7 million watched to see which one of the four remaining contestants would walk away with $1million, and who would leave with $100 thousand.

CBS has had declining ratings over the last few years with numerous failed shows. Last year, after months of financial troubles, it was bought by Viacom, the company responsible for the success of MTV and VH1. Since then, it has struggled to stay above water, and has had to rely mainly on it's Emmy hit *"Everybody Loves Raymond"*, *"The Late Show with David Letterman"*, and *"60 Minutes,"* but this summer, *"Survivor"* proved to be not only a cultural hit but also the word that defined the network.

Since the show first aired, CBS's ratings have skyrocketed, gaining each week, and giving the network and it's affiliates several tie-ins and lead-ins to showcase their other shows.

Ratings have increased across the board, even though only the prime shows have been given lead-ins.

"Ladies Man", *"Becker"*, *"Everybody Loves Raymond"* and *"King of Queens"* have all enjoyed the boost.

Since the buyout by Viacom brought VH1 and CBS into the same family, each week VH1 has hosted *"Survivor Countdown"*, where that weeks castoff was allowed to cut one song from a list of many summer hits such as Lenny Kravitz's *"Fly Away"*, Red Hot Chili Peppers *"Slide"* and Jennifer Lopez's *"Waiting for Tonight"*.

There are already plans for a *"Survivor II: The Australian Outback"*. Applications for *"Outback"* were five times the amount sent in for the first show. Castoff and ex-Navy Seal Rudy Boesch has vocalized his interest in joining the second edition of the show.

Executive producer Mark Burnett has said that all previous contestants will not be allowed to return, but has added that Boesch would be welcome to signup for his *"Destination Mir"* in space. *"Mir"* would be along the same lines as *"Survivor"*, and the only thing holding the show back is funding for trips to and from a newly constructed space station.

The members of the Tagi and Pagong tribes will soon be seen on *"Hollywood Squares"* on Sept. 25-29, and on the Aug. 26 airing of VH1's *"The List"*.

"Survivor" winner, Richard Hatch, will next be seen as a guest presenter at the MTV Music Awards on Sept. 7.



Associated Press

The tribes of Tagi and Pagong set summer records for CBS and Viacom its subsidiaries.

Kid Rock joins *Deep Porn*

Associated Press

Kid Rock and funkmaster George Clinton are among the artists who have teamed up with adult-film actresses to create the hip-hop and electronica collection Deep Porn. The album, from the sex-minded indie label Hardcorps Entertainment, is now in stores.

The 14 tracks found musicians adding backing tracks to the actresses' vocals tracks. "Please keep in mind that this record is NOT an attempt to let porn stars show off their musical chops, but rather it lets them do what they do best," says a spokesperson for the project.

Kid Rock performs with Midori on a track called *"69,"* while Clinton does *"Spanka-Vision"* with Shayla LaVeaux. Others featured include Cypress Hill's DJ Muggs, Motley Crue collaborator DJ Larceny, and members of 2 Live Crew. Selected titles include *"Pornostyle," "Hard Organ Mix,"* and *"Phone Sex Mix."*

The complete track listing is: *"Flick,"* Black Mob Group w/ Stacey Valentine; *"Come With Me,"* AK 1200 w/ Raylene; *"Titty Bar,"* Lordz Of Brooklyn w/ Rebecca Wild; *"Nasty,"* Brother Marquis of 2 Live Crew) w/ Rebecca Lord; *"Pornostyle,"* Danny Breaks w/ Alicia Rio; *"F.M.A.;"* Kid Rock w/ Midori; *"69,"* DJ Muggs (of Cypress Hill) w/ Heather Hunter; "Animal," Under Siege w/ Gina Ryder; "Hard Organ Mix," Eli Janney (of Girls Against Boys) w/ Missy; *"Phone Sex Mix,"* DJ Larceny (of Motley Crue) w/ Johnni Black; *"Gimme Some,"* AMG w/ Stephanie Swift; *"Bra's & Draw's,"* DJ Godfather w/ Kiss; *"Zap,"* Wide (Liquid Todd & Dr. Luke) w/ Midori; *"Spanka-Vision,"* and George Clinton w/ Shayla LaVeaux.

Associated Press

The self proclaimed pimp adds a track to the *Deep Porn* album.

Aguilera responds to Eminem, works for charity

Associated Press

It's nothing but good karma flowing in and out of the Christina Aguilera camp these days.

As the teen star's U.S. tour makes the rounds, Hollywood Hamilton's Rhythm Top 30 Countdown has struck back at rapper Eminem on her behalf for comments he made about Aguilera. "Slim Shady Please Shut Up," a parody of Em's "The Real Slim Shady," has been making the rounds online and finds a Christina-impersonating DJ slapping back Em for his remarks.

"I heard the song.... It's just hilarious," Aguilera told MTV News of the song.

"It's so funny. The girl is so white, it's not even funny. I don't know who out there did this, but it's funny and obviously it's in support of me. It's very cute, and I appreciate that. It may be on my next record... just kidding."

While someone has stepped up to help out Aguilera, she and tour sponsors Sears and Levi's are urging others to step up for their communities. Through her tour, Aguilera is trying to drum up support for Do Something, the nonprofit outfit founded by actor Andrew Shue.

"The 'Come On Over'/Do Something project, Sears and Levi's, and I have agreed is the best way to get youth involved, because this program actually goes through a whole list of topics you can pick from: domestic violence, child abuse, helping the environment, tutoring, applying yourself in any way possible to help better community,"

Aguilera explained. Fans are encouraged to head to the Do Something Web site (at www.do something.com) to find an outlet.

"It's all about getting kids to turn negative situations into positive ones," Aguilera said.

It's about what young people are passionate about," Shue elaborated. "It's not about a bunch of older people telling young people what to do. It's young people coming up with their own ideas, letting their voices be heard, letting them create it however they want to create it.

"You have two choices in life," the actor continued. "You can be somebody who just doesn't want to participate and wants to sit on the couch and be by yourself, or you can get out there, get together with your friends, and come up with your own project and you can be a part of society. So get involved, and we want to show you how."

Of course, amid the recruiting, Aguilera is still serving up her hits on the road. If that's your bag.

She comes to Louisiana and can beseen on August 27 in New Orleans.

Charges against hemp holding Harrelson go up in smoke

Associated Press

With a little help from an unlikely hemp-pushing pal, Woody Harrelson is a free man after standing trial on pot charges.

The former Cheers barkeep turned hemp crusader was found not guilty Thursday of a marijuana possession rap stemming from his ceremonious planting of four hemp seeds in a Lee County, Kentucky, field four years ago. A six-person jury deliberated for all of 25 minutes before reaching its verdict, and the film star promptly signed autographs and thanked jurors for their decision.

Harrelson also found support Thursday from none other than former Kentucky Governor Louie Nunn, who testified in Lee District Court on Harrelson's behalf, saying the Wood-man wasn't trying to break the laws, just challenge them.

Harrelson, 39, first began his clash with Kentucky authorities in 1996, claiming that the state's pot laws were unjust. Current state laws don't differentiate between industrial hemp (which can be used to make paper, cloth and those neat little necklaces you can buy at Phish concerts) and its more stoner-friendly cannabis relative, marijuana.

The cultivation-lovin' star of Play It to the Bone and White Men Can't Jump appealed his case to the Kentucky Supreme Court, but in March, the high court ordered him to stand trial. Harrelson could h a v e faced a $500 fine and 12 months in jail if convicted.

Procecutors initially offered to go easy on the film star if he accepted to a 30-day jail sentence, or agreed to stay away from hemp and marijuana in Kentucky for a year. Harrelson rejected the proposal, and prosecutors on Thursday asked the jury to give Harrelson (who showed up to court in a suit made of hemp) a $500 dollar fine and a 30-day jail sentence.

Meanwhile, Nunn, a Republican who served as governor from 1967-1971, has become an outspoken advocate of hemp and joined Harrelson's side in June. "I feel this is a way to disseminate information on industrial hemp because of the personalities involved," Nunn said at the time.

As if Nunn's help wasn't enough, Woody's trial had a somewhat serendipitous beginning: The jury reportedly received his case at, um, 4:20 p.m.



Associated Press

Woody Harrelson has always been a fan of hemp. He has even gone so far as to wear a hemp tuxedo made from the plant. His hemp fascination has landed him in a deal of trouble once again.

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Freshmen face the 'Battle of the Bulge'

Finding the Freshman 15

By Joni Naquin
LIFE Reporter

All it takes is a few late night cram sessions with pizza and chips, a cheeseburger here and there, and Aramark meals everyday for freshman to put on the infamous "Freshman 15."

It's easy to understand why the "freshman 15" affects college students. Both men and women head off to a university where meal plans, dormitory snack stashes, and the stress of adjusting to a new environment, and a more sedentary lifestyle call all lead to fluctuating weight. For many students, college leads to a more independent lifestyle that includes a time of food freedom which too often results in overeating, poor nutrition, and ultimately weight gain.

Why does it lead to weight gain? People usually gain weight when they take in more calories than the their bodies need. Most people need around 2,000-2,500 calories a day, and in college, that total is regularly exceeded in the land of fraternity parties and late night food binges. And speaking of fraternity parties, just one pint of beer is 192 calories. Pretty soon, a person's belly will begin to look like a keg.

"It's been a big issue with my friends and I," freshman Jessica Breaux said. "We think about it a lot."

Nutritionists say higher education does not necessarily have to lead to higher levels on the scale. There are plenty of healthy ways to avoid the "Freshman 15."

Northwestern Health Services advises freshmen to follow three simple steps. Freshmen need to get plenty of rest, they also need to get plenty of exercise, and lastly eat well-balanced meals.

"There are brochures and information available on eating healthy in the infirmary," Health Services Director, Stephanie Self, said.

Weight Watchers International also has a few tips on how to avoid the "Freshman 15." Instead of eating during study breaks to help your mind, take a brisk ten minute walk instead. They also say drinking plenty of water can keep both your mind and body active.

They also point out that when high school students go from high school sports to college life, their lives change from many sports and recreational activities to inactivity, lounging around, and overeating. Even if a student doesn't participate in sports or clubs, it doesn't mean they have to become sedentary. Most campuses offer a variety of free exercise programs, and NSU offers similar free programs. The Intramural Sports teams is one way to start being healthy.



Graphic By Courtney Payne

Northwestern health officials and Weight Watchers International warn freshman students about the dreaded Freshman 15. They suggest healthy eating as a cure.

"We have been avoiding junk food buy not buying them, and we have been walking and working out more," Breaux said.

Upperclassmen know how to handle the weight problem.

"I never gained the Freshman 15," sophomore Ben Nolan said. "In fact, I lost weight. I just didn't eat as often and I walked to my classes and kept eating healthy."

It's sound advice that all incoming NSU freshmen should follow and thus, hopefully, they will never meet the "Freshman 15."

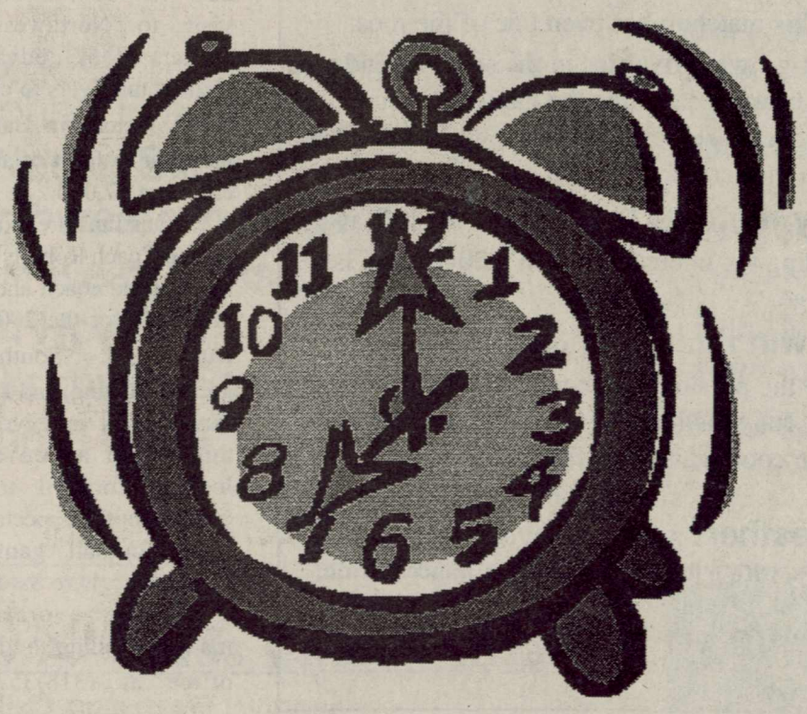
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French Fries (2 oz)	350	16g	8	Baked Potato with/ 2 Tbsp. Sour Cream	270	5g	5
1 Cup Pasta with ½ Cup Alfredo Sauce	580	39g	15	1 Cup Pasta with ½ Cup Marinara Sauce	260	5g	5
Deli Roast Beef (2 oz)	97	3g	2	Deli Turkey (2 oz)	65	1.5g	1
Ice Cream (premium, ½ cup)	270	18g	7	Frozen Yogurt (low-fat, ½ cup)	120	4	3

Snacking Sabotage	Calories	Fat	POINTS	Better Choice	Calories	Fat	POINTS
Regular Potato Chips (1oz)	150	10g	4	Baked Potato Chips (1oz) Pretzels (1oz)	110 108	1.5g 1g	2 2
Muffin	220	11g	5	Hard Roll	167	2.5g	2
Energy bar	230	2.5g	4	Low-fat granola bar	110	2g	2
Chocolate Candy bar	230	13g	6	Reduced fat Candy bar	150	4.5g	2

Sabotage	Calories	Fat	POINTS	Better Choice	Calories	Fat	POINTS
Pizza Hut Pan Style Cheese Pizza (1 slice)	361	15g	8	Pizza Hut The Edge Veggie Pizza (1 slice)	110	2.5g	2
Taco Bell - Big Chicken Burrito Supreme	500	20g	11	Taco Bell Taco Supreme	220	14g	5
McDonald's Quarter Pounder with Cheese	530	30g	13	McDonald's Cheeseburger, Small French Fries	320 210	13g 10g	7 5
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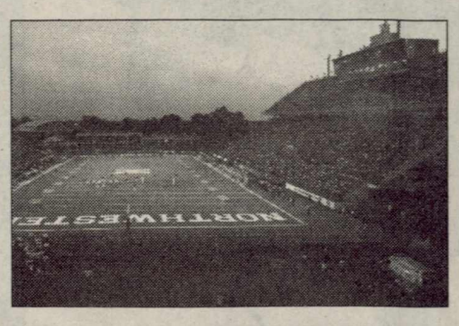
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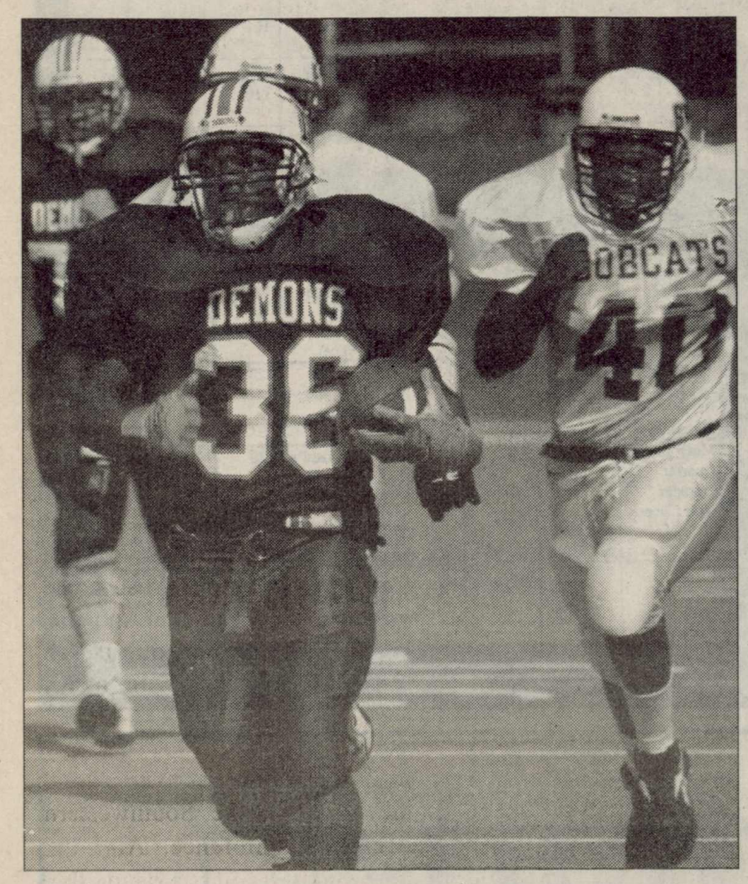
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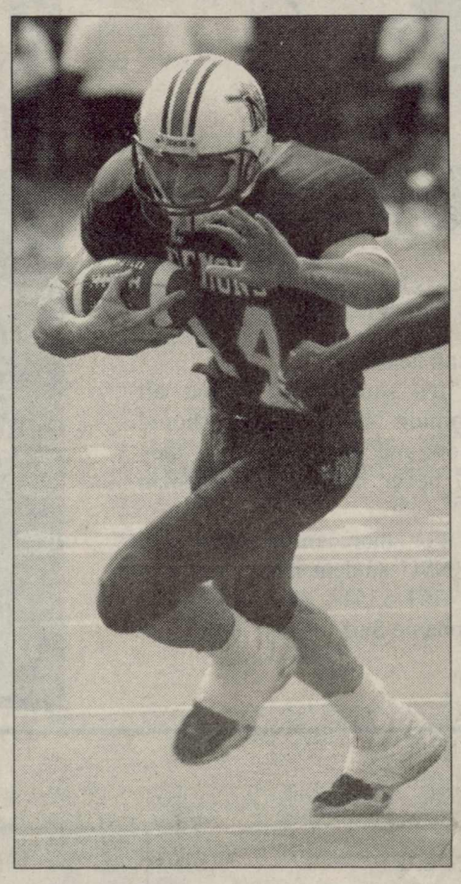
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Last time they met: The Demons gave the ball away eight times, including six interceptions, in a 20-13 loss last year in Baton Rouge.

The Demons win if... transfer quarterback Ben Beech can provide the passing attack needed to free All-American tailback Tony Taylor. The Purple Swarm defense will have to remain cool against the fast-paced Jaguar offense.

Game time weather: **A little cooler, but still hot. Highs will reach 93 degrees, with a low of 70 degrees. Chance of rain, 30%.**

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NSU-Southern game selling out fast.

■ *Game expected to be sellout by kickoff*

NSU Sports Information

Saturday night's season opening college football matchup between in-state rivals Northwestern State and Southern University isn't yet a sellout, but tickets are going fast, NSU athletic director Greg Burke said Monday.

All seats in 15,971-capacity Turpin Stadium are $14 for reserved tickets. Monday afternoon, a line that at times was 25 people deep, curved around the lobby in the NSU athletic fieldhouse. The telephone in the NSU ticket office was constantly ringing.

New Demon football coach Steve Roberts dropped by the lobby prior to his team's Monday night practice to thank fans for their interest and support. The last four NSU-Southern games have been sellouts, including the last two contests played at Turpin Stadium.

"Based on the pace of ticket sales, plus the fact that we have ticket outlets in Shreveport-Bossier, Leesville and Alexandria as well as Baton Rouge, there is a distinct possibility we will sell out before game day," Burke said.

"That will be a first. There are still tickets available, but I encourage people to make their ticket purchases sooner than later."

A stadium-record crowd of 16,706 watched the Demons win 28-7 in 1998, Southern's last visit to Northwestern. The Jaguars took advantage of Demon turnovers to claim a 20-13 victory in Baton Rouge last year in front of an overflow crowd of 27,000.

"Our fans are excited about seeing Coach Roberts' first game as our head coach and about our prospects for the 2000 season," Burke said. "Southern has a great following, and I know their fans are just as revved up about this season as we are. We're looking forward to quite a college football spectacle, with a great football game as the centerpiece, here Saturday."

Telephone orders can be made by calling the NSU ticket office at (318)357-4268.

Everything you need to know about the Jaguars and the Southland Conference, Part 2

Think you know everything. Here's four things that every *real* Demon fan should know

By Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

When it comes to great gameday football traditions, let's face it, NSU isn't exactly at the top of the list.

You won't see a two ponies ride out on the field in front of a chuckwagon like at Oklahoma; you won't see 80,000 fans moving their arms down in a 90-degree angle like at Florida State, and I'm betting that when this Saturday's game against Southern kicks off, you probably won't see members of the R.O.T.C. kissing their girlfriends after a touchdown (*probably*), as is the case at Texas A&M.

But for what they lack in notoriety, the traditions formed here at Northwestern have certainly made up for it in originality. So before you head to Turpin Stadium, take a look at these traditions that have been home grown right here at NSU.

1) Chief Caddo

Weighing in at a massive 320 pounds and standing 7 feet, 6 inches, the high chief has the honor of being the largest trophy in college sports. NSU and Stephen F. Austin battle for the chief every year in the last game of the season.

2) The Fight Song

(See right) Sung to the tune of "Trio to British Eighth March," every Demon player must learn the NSU fight song during the first week of practice. They sing the song after each victory. Even though the words may throw you off at first, once you hear the song and put the lyrics together, it'll stick in your head like the song "It's a Small World After All."

3) The R.O.T.C. Cannon

This huge 75-mm pack Howitzer cannon fires off a round to signify a Demon touchdown. (The guy on the phone wanted me to emphasize that no *real* shells will be fired during the game.) During the 1998 playoff game against UMASS, the cannon was mysteriously absent and the Demons lost 41-31.

Conspiracy Theory?

4) Vic vs. Brave Spirit

It's a legend "round these parts." On October 24, 1992, NSU mascot Vic the Demon and Louisiana-Monroe mascot Chief Brave Spirit couldn't co-exist with one another. Midway through the second quarter, the two fought on the sidelines earning both schools national attention.

The fight finished fourth on CNN's *Plays of the Year*.

"After he tore my head off, that was it," said former Demon mascot Shane Clabaugh. "That goes against the mascot code of ethics."

NSU Fight Song

Go, ye Demons
take the field.
Northwestern Demons
Never yield.
Fight, Demons win tonight, victory is on our side.
(Go,fight, win)

Purple and White shall ever reign,
filling the air with battle strains.
So Demons, forever stand
and fight for dear old Demonland

By Randall S. Fredrick
Sauce Reporter

The year 2000 will bring more than a new millennium of football to Turpin Stadium. It will also bring in a new era.

The new era begins Saturday when the Demons go head to head against Southern University's Jaguars for the first game of the season.

Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

The last time the Jaguars visited the University was 1998, a year the Demons would like to repeat.

During the 1998 season, Northwestern won the Southland conference championship and was a national semifinalist. Unfortunately, the Demons took a step back last season with a season record of 4-7, a mark that new head coach Steve Roberts doesn't want to repeat.

Roberts' team has the talent to make a run for another championship. Six Demons made the pre-season All-conference list, including All-American Tony Taylor. Taylor, who became injury-prone at the end of last season,owns seven school records for rushing, including the single-season rushing total he set last season with 1,441 yards.

Taylor will be backed up by Troy Sumrall, who stepped up with Taylor providing one of the best backfields in the conference.

Other Demons on the first team are Herchel Monroe, Black, Terrance McGee, Kurt Rodriguez, Gene Tennison and Kendrick Llorens.

When Roberts first arrived in July taking the head coach position, his first order of business was to name a starting quarterback. The Demons' weak spot last season was the quarterback position. University of Louisiana at Monroe transfer Ben Beach secured the position this week ending speculation that part-time starter Aubery Jones would get the lead.

"The inexperience of our quarterbacks and our safeties are definitely an uncertainty," Roberts said. "I'd say it's more of an uncertainty than a weakness."

Third-year quarterback Aubrey Jones will back up Beech, and Travis Fleming will be the third string quarterback

Junior wide receiver Nathan Black and senior T.J Sutherland look to be underneath the passes coming from Beech. Black returns as the number one receiver and is on pace to break the school record for career receptions, a mark previously set by Pat Palmer and Floyd Turner. He is also expected to be the leading punt returner.

Sutherland returns from an injury-plagued year, but in 1998, he played in every game and caught at total of 20 passes.

Defensively, the Demons still look strong. The Demons will return with 22 letterwinners, including seven starters from last years' team. Conerbacks McGee and Llorens are both sophomores and will look to continue in the long tradition of outstanding NSU cornerbacks.

With the exception of two Division I-A opponents, Central Florida and University of Louisiana at Lafayette, the Demons schedule should not be as rough as last season's where the Demons played more than half of their games on the road.

Gameday 2000: Southern preview

Southern looks to continue dominance in SWAC

Associated Press

Southern University doesn't own the Southwestern Athletic Conference. It just seems that way.

This season, the Jaguars are shooting for their fourth straight conference crown. The last team to do that was Grambling from 1977 to 1980. Under coach Pete Richardson, Southern has been close to perfect with a record of 107-31-1.

Richardson has evoked just enough adversity to show his ability to keep his team together and motivate them. Last year, Florida A&M humiliated Southern with a 65-18 whipping. It might have panicked some coaches, but Richardson got his team to bounce back with three straight victories, and an 11-2 record to win the conference. The Jaguars capped that with a 31-30 victory over Jackson State in the Heritage Bowl.

This is what passes for a rebuilding year at Southern. Seven defensive starters must be replaced, including three all-conference performers.

There's also the loss of defensive coordinator Mike Vite, who left for a position at Southern Illinois. Richardson appointed two assistants, Terrance Graves and Clifford Lewis, to handle Vite's old job.

``There will probably be a few new wrinkles," Richardson said. ``But the basic philosophy won't change. Personnel will have more to do with the changes we make than anything else."

The defense does have All-SWAC defensive back Edreece Brown. He picked off a league leading six passes. But after Brown, free safety Sean Overton provides
the only other experience.

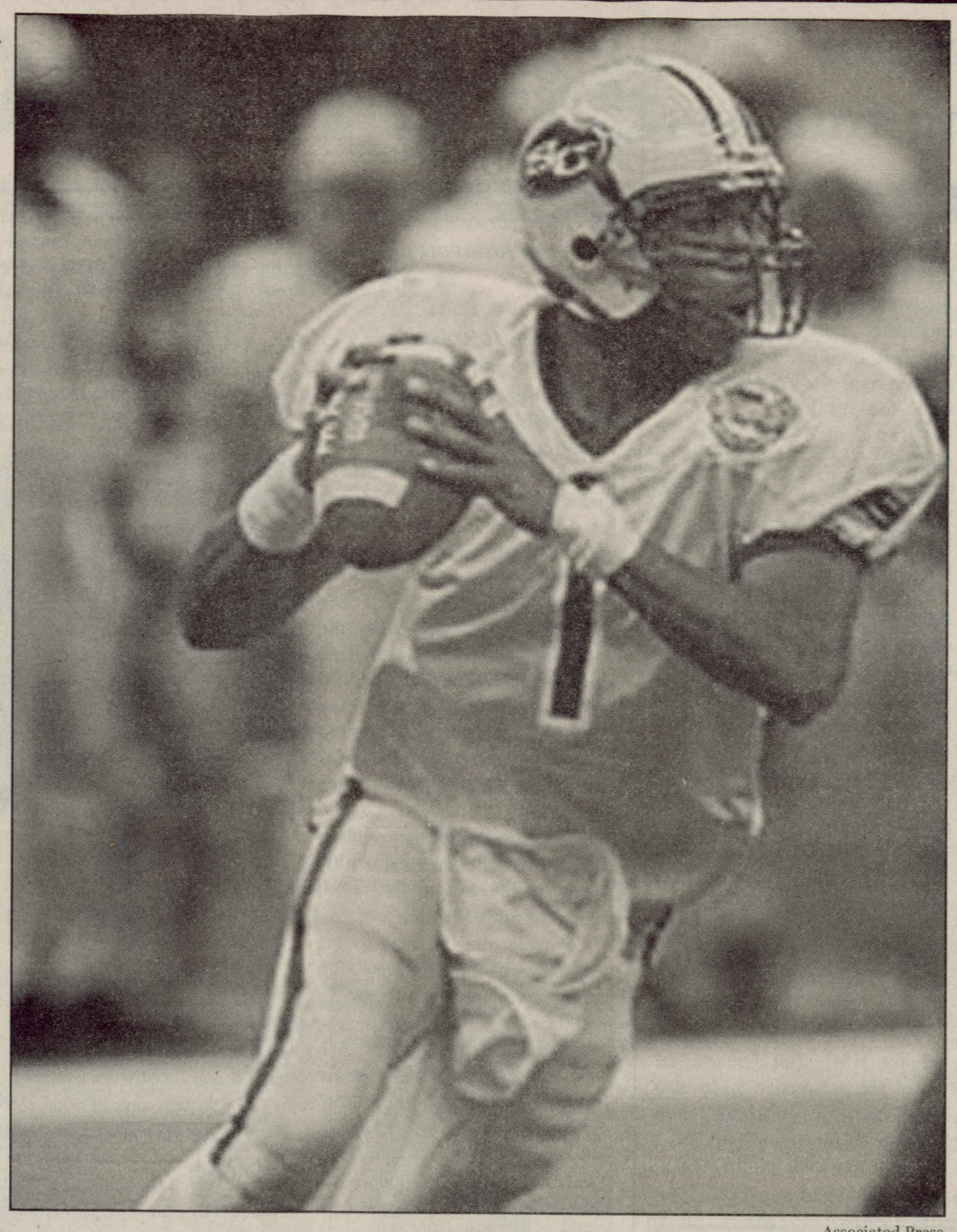
The defensive line was the terror of the SWAC last year. It's a big concern this year. Only one starter returns, Antonio Mays at tackle.

The linebackers should be strong despite the loss of Channing Warner, a four-year starter who led the team in tackles the last two seasons.

Offensively the Jaguars are still loaded. Nine starters return, including quarterback Troy Williams and last year's top two receivers Michael Hayes and Al'trev Joubert.

Other good news is that five of the ten players Richardson used in his two-tier offensive line return this year. The big question is depth.

"We have to have individuals up there who know what they're doing," Richardson said. ``We have to keep developing."



Associated Press
Southern quarterback Troy Williams will be just one of the many weapons the Jaguars will throw at the Demons Saturday.



THE DEMON FILES
Subject: Southern Jaguars

Offense: The Jaguars use a fast-paced, no-huddle offense to wear down opposing defense. They use multiple formations with four and even five wide recivers

Who to watch: WR Micheal Hayes, who scored six touchdowns and had 828 yards receiving

Defense: The "Dog Day Defense" will have a tough time replacing seven defensive starters and defensive coordinator Mike Vite

Who to Watch: DB Edreece Brown, an All-SWAC safety who led the Jags with six interceptions

Jags to start two rookies at cornerback

Many changes defensively for Jaguars

Associated Press

True freshman Lenny Williams and sophomore transfer Codie Smith-Robinson, neither having ever played in a college game, will likely be Southern's starting cornerbacks Saturday when the Jaguars visit Northwestern State.

They've got the skills, but more than that, they've got the most important quality new SU secondary coach Henry Miller sought: Attitude.

``That's what you need. That's what we were missing, a little flamboyance," Miller said as SU prepares for its season opener in Natchitoches.

Williams stands to become the first true freshman to start at SU since tailback Melvin Williams in 1994. While both Smith-Robinson and Williams (5'11", 175 lbs.) have strong attitudes, Williams is the more likely to understate. Smith-Robinson (6'2", 180 lbs.) won't hold back.

``When you look at me, I can do it all," said Smith-Robinson, a New Orleans-O.P. ``I can come up and make the tackle. And also I can cover my butt off. It's an open-and-shut case with me; I can do it all.

Of course, neither has any kind of barometer as to how good they'll be in the Southwestern Athletic Conference. And the position itself offers a steep,often cruel, learning curve.

Other things you'll need to know

2000 Southland Preseason Coaches Poll

1) Troy State
2) Stephen F. Austin
3) McNeese State
4) ***Northwestern State***
5) Southwest Texas
6) Sam Houston
7) Jacksonville State
8) Nicholls State

Turpin Stadium attendance records

Out of the top five largest crowds in Turpin stadium history, it's not surprising that three have been set during the NSU/Southern game. The top five attendances in Turpin stadium history:

1998 Northwestern v Southern- 16,706
1996 Northwestern v Southern- 16,222
1994 Northwestern v Southern- 15,600
1987 Northwestern v Northeast La.- 13,600
1989 Northwestern v McNeese State- 13,400

2000 NSU Demons Football Schedule

Sept. 2	Southern University	6 p.m.
Sept. 9	at Central Florida	5 p.m.
Sept. 16	open	na
Sept. 23	at ULL	7 p.m.
Sept. 30	Gardner Webb	6 p.m.
Oct. 7	Troy St.	6 p.m.
Oct. 14	at Nicholls State	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	McNeese State	2 p.m.
Oct. 28	at Southwest Tx.	2 p.m.
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Athletic Director Burke among finalists for Akron job

By Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

Athletic Director Greg Burke is in a field of five finalists to become the Athletic Director at the University of Akron.

Burke will make a second interview at the school at some point in the next two weeks, according to officials at Akron. The second round of interviews began Monday with Lafayette, PA Athletic Director Eve Atkinson applied for the second time.

"Burke meets a profile that all of these candidates have," said Dean of the Law School at Akron Richard Aines, who heads the search committee for the athletic director at Akron. "They have leadership skills, interpersonal skills, fundraising, marketing and experience in athletic administration.

Burke, a native of Alliance, Ohio, was selected from a field of 80 applicants for the job. The other four finalists are Atkinson, AD at Alabama-Huntsville James E. Harris, associate AD at Rice, Steve Moniaci and assistant AD at Virginia, Micheal J. Thomas.

Akron hopes to have find a new Athletic Director by late September.

"We think all of these people have the ability to do the job," Aines said. "We don't know the candidates well enough to say that one candidate is ahead of another right now. We want to see who's the best fit."

Burke, who was an assistant director of athletic development and marketing at Akron for four years before coming to NSU, has been the athletics director here since Aug. 30, 1996.

In that time, NSU has finished first in the Southland conference's Commissioner's Cup in 1998 and second in 1999. He also helped to create a first-ever endowment for women's athletics.

Burke said that he felt he owed it to himself and his family to look into the position but that he also has mixed emotions about the possibility of leaving Northwestern.

"I've made it really clear that I like it here at NSU and I like Natchitoches," Burke said. "If it were any other school, I doubt seriously that I would consider leaving NSU. But because of where the university is located and because it's a school that I have an affinity for, I feel like I should take a look into it."

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Former Demon Green no longer "Irrelevant"; call him a Chicago Bear

Other former Demons not so fortunate after cut day

NSU Sports Information

Two-time Northwestern State All-American safety Mike Green went from being "Mr. Irrelevant" to a part of the 2000 Chicago Bears roster Sunday as NFL teams set their 53-man rosters for the start of regular season play next Sunday.

Green earned the title of "Mr. Irrelevant XXV" for being the 254th and last player picked in the seven rounds of the 2000 NFL Draft. He defied the odds to make the Bears' roster.

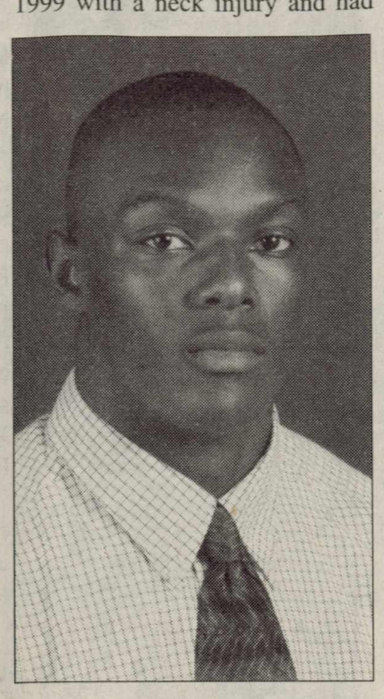
The final cut was unkind to a pair of Demons bidding to make the Cleveland Browns. Second-year receiver and kick returner Ronnie Powell was waived by Cleveland along with free agent safety Tony Joe Maranto.

Powell played his rookie season with the Browns after starting at running back and on the track team for Northwestern.

Maranto, a consensus All-America safety for the Demons in 1997, has sparkled in NFL Europe the past two seasons, helping the Frankfort Galaxy win the 1999 NFL Europe title, but he was cut last year by the New Orleans Saints early in camp.

Four other Demons remain with NFL teams. Offensive tackle Marcus Spears starts his seventh season as a pro in his fourth year with the Kansas City Chiefs. Cornerbacks Kenny Wright and Keith Thibodeaux will line up for the Minnesota Vikings again this year. Wright earned a starting role last season midway through his rookie year. Thibodeaux, an all-conference pick for the Demons in 1996, is in his fourth NFL season.

Defensive end Robert Daniel is on injured reserve for the second straight year with the Carolina Panthers. He sat out 1999 with a neck injury and had knee surgery earlier this year.



Green

Green was one of four 1999 Demons in preseason camp with NFL teams. Cut earlier were linebacker Jake Michel (San Francisco), safety B.J. Williams (San Francisco, New York Giants) and receiver Eric Granger (New York Jets). Another ex-Northwestern star, 1998 All-American cornerback Jermaine Jones, was waived by Chicago this summer and reached an injury settlement in July with the Giants after fracturing an arm.

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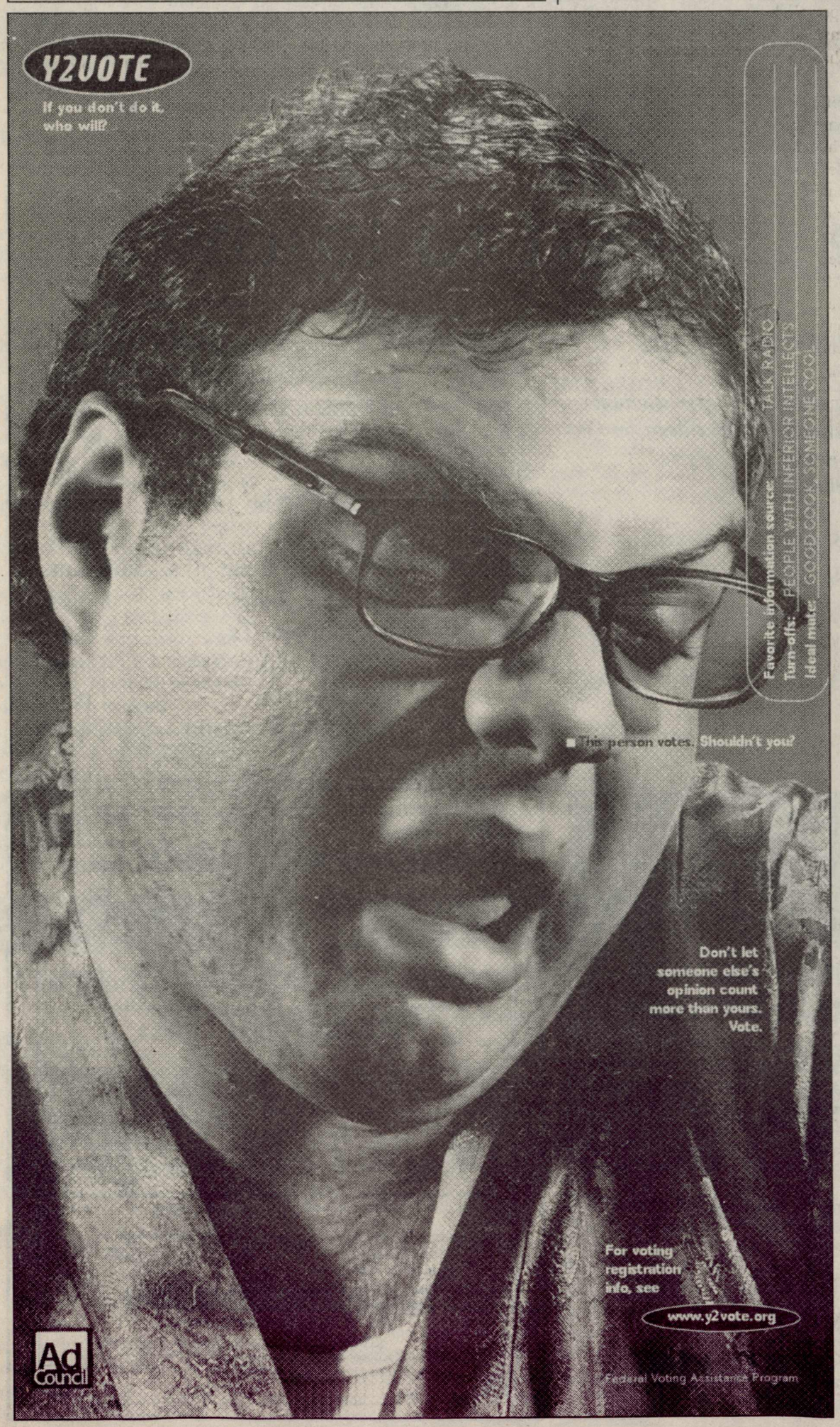
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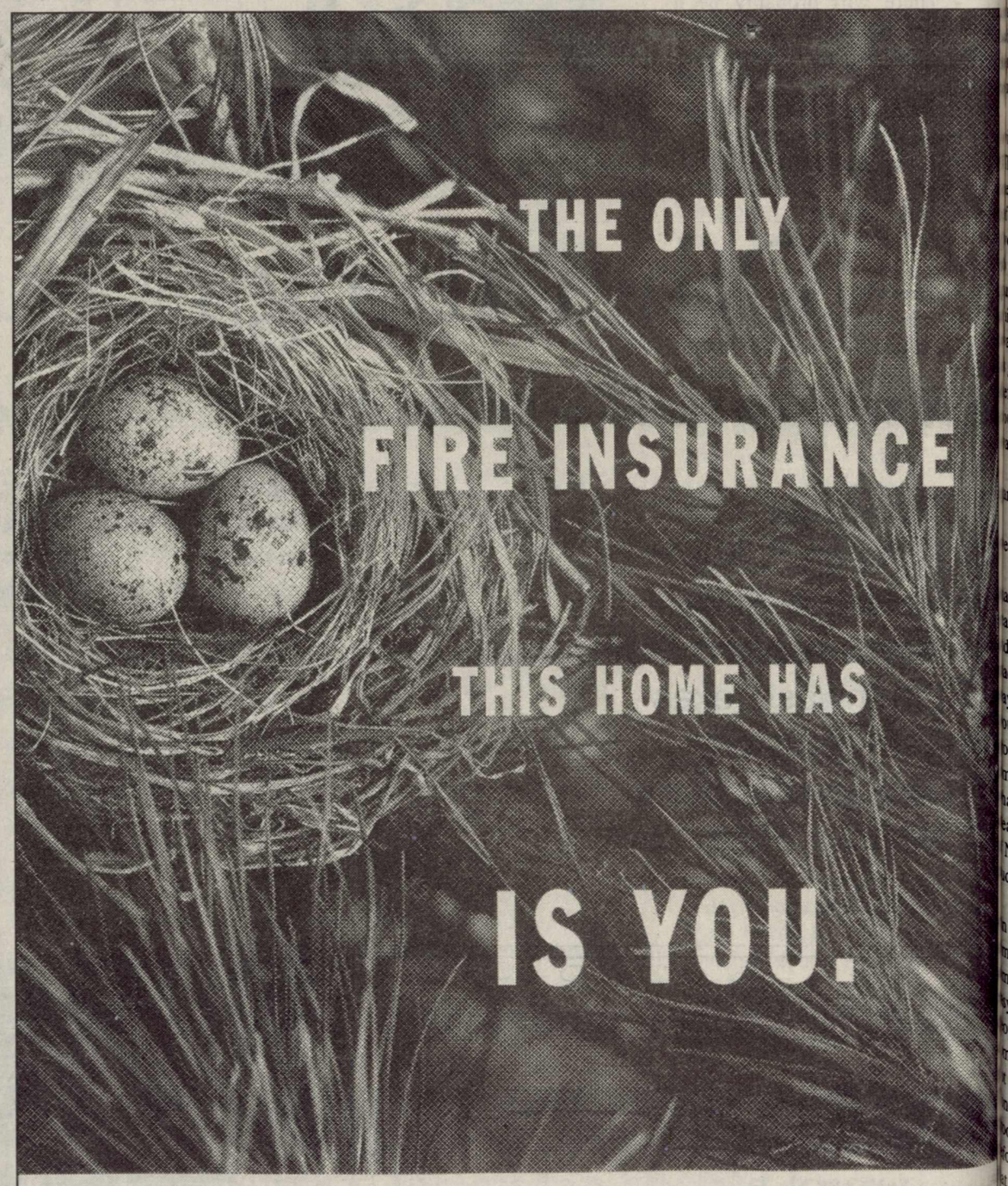
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Opinions

From the Editor

For my first editorial I have decided to not follow the time honored tradition of past Current Sauce editors. You see, most of them in their first issue told of what they were going to do with the paper, what direction it would go in and what type of coverage it would pursue. Instead I have taken this opportunity to put out a warning to all who may read future copies of The Current Sauce this year. My warning is that everyone's favorite columnist, Tony "the lonely" Blanco, will be a part of this paper once again.

I know what some of you must be saying. " Doesn't he remember all the trouble that came from that guy last year? Is he crazy?" There are two answers; yes, I do remember all the trouble that Tony caused, and no, I'm not crazy. While it may seem that way, trust me, there is logic behind my madness.

For those of you in the dark, Tony has written a column off and on over the past two years. It is offensive, and last year he went a little too far. Some people got upset, and the editor before myself, Shawn Hornsby, caught a lot of hell because of it.

There was a big crusade against Tony. People tried to influence our advertisers to pull their endorsements. There was talk of lawsuits, and for a while, Shawn thought he might lose his job.

So, you probably want to know why? Why am I risking my neck for someone who could potentially harm me? I do not even agree with anything Tony has ever said in his columns. I will even admit that as late as last week I was still steadfast against Tony being part of this year's paper.

What made me change was a visit I made to Boozman Hall last Thursday. I was dropping off newspapers for the residents and all of a sudden this girl in a black shirt (you know who you are) comes up to me and proceeds to tear into the quality of *The Current Sauce*. She said that the only thing good in it was Tony Blanco, and now that he is gone, the paper is garbage. I defended the publication, of course, and told her how wrong she was.

"Many consider the paper garbage because of Tony," I said.

She laughed at this, and we went our separate ways.

It made me mad, but it also made me think. For some odd reason, this girl, though she was rude, abrasive and obnoxious, she made me realize the error of my ways. While many wish that Tony would never write again, there is a group of people out there that love him. Who am I to deprive people of what they want in a newspaper. I mean this is the student newspaper of NSU. Its not the select group of students newspaper of NSU.

So that's it. Tony is going to run because people want to read him, Some look forward to reading him. Hold on though, I'm not that guy. While I am all for giving the people what they want, there is something else to consider. Shawn is in a lot of trouble because of me. He had a bad habit of not proofing everything in the paper before it went out. I won't make that mistake. Everything that Tony writes in this paper will go through me and Mary Freeman, the opinions editor. If something is too offensive, it will not be run. Also, everything of Tony's will carry a preceding warning label. This is the compromise that I have made between the two extreme parties of this issue. Tony will be run for those who love him. Tony will not have the free reign that he had last year, for those who hate him.

One last thing. Everyone who likes Tony's work, I want you to remember that he didn't get a second chance. Let's just try it out and see what happens. Pick up next. 14th's issue, and we will find out.

Josh Beavers, Editor
jbeavers316@hotmail.com

A little commentary

By Mary Freeman
Opinions Editor

A friend of mine tells me he can hear the wheels turning as I plot to take over the world. He says the wheels go "click, click, click." Perhaps, it is the same sound the keyboard makes as I type. If so, it seems suitable that I have been made the new editor of the opinions page.

This is my first time to hold any position above writer for the paper. Thus, I wish to beg your indulgence as I "learn the ropes," so to say, and try to birth something readable and interesting. This week, I intend to take the time to write some about my hopes for this page throughout the semester.

First, I wish to have a diverse page; however, due to the limited number of articles I received for this publication, this edition has a slightly feminist tone. In the future, I intend to publish opinions that will inspire, stimulate, bewilder, and at times, perhaps offend you, the reader. I trust that due to the maturity of the readers, no problems will arise. I mean, we are all adults, right?

Second, I want your letters. I want to hear from you about everything, especially if they are strong views. I never want my inbox to be empty. However, this is not a request for letters from those with personal vendettas; therefore, all work must be signed.

Third, I wish to hear from everyone, students as well as faculty and staff. It will be interesting to hear from a teacher outside of class, and I am sure the administration will have opinions not only about what students write but their own. After all, sometimes more attention is paid to what is in the paper than what happened in class or at a meeting. No offense.

Finally, I wish to make it clear that this is my page. It's mine! It's all mine! My name is on it, and it is my responsibility. If you have a problem, write me. It will probably find its way on the page. However, if you happen to be bigger than I am, or scary, and have a problem, blame Josh Beavers. He made me do it. Honest.

You can contact me at currentsauce@hotmail.com, or call 357-5456. That about does it. So, here I am; love me.

Sexism is not a game

By Elona A. Boggs
Opinion

Along with baseball and Saturday night at the movies, video games have become somewhat of a cultural phenomenon amongst people of all ages and backgrounds, especially children. This trend has progressed from the primitive Atari, to the Nintendo, and more recently, the Sega Dreamcast.

Undoubtedly, the intense popularity of these games is credited to children. Most every child has some sort of video game in his or her home. This fascination with video entertainment creates problems more severe than neglecting homework and zombie-like behavior.

Recently, games have been released that are intended for an adult audience only. However, children everywhere have access to these games, and its results are dangerous. These games promote violence and discrimination, primarily with women as the target.

Sexism in video games is not a new thing, however. For instance, in earlier video games like "Super Mario Brothers' and "The Legend of Zelda," women were portrayed as "Cinderellas." They were kidnapped and needed their male counterparts to rescue them in order to restore their livelihood. Even though no extreme violence was present in these games, women were still portrayed as weak and submissive.

Since the birth of video entertainment, there has been a lack of women protagonists in games. For instance, I cannot recall a "Bayou Betty" or a "Papergirl." Sadly, the few female protagonists are sexualized in some fashion. The releases "Steel Harbingers," "Space Channel 5" and "Tomb Raider" are prime examples of this trend. All feature their female characters with little clothing and perfect physiques. (I have yet to see Mario and Luigi depicted with rippling muscles.) In the same respect, I have yet to see an unattractive female protagonist.

These game releases have sparked my feminist thinking. I find them to be offensive to women, particularly "Space Channel 5." If features a female named Ulala (OOH-LA-LA) the


Laura Croft

scantily clad, voluptuous warrior whose enemy is the Martian Morolians. Equipped with her suggestive dance moves and her dangerous underpants, Ulala battles these creatures with the help of her skimpy female sidekicks. She has no real talents, special skills or magical powers. Instead, she has small hips, shapely breasts and a pretty face.

Ultimately, these games reflect very little about female empowerment. They teach our children discrimination and destroy all efforts for gender equality. The video game industry sees no problem with this exploitation, and obviously neither does the tolerable public. Afterall, it is the public who purchases and plays this garbage, and consequently, this is the same public that will suffer its diminishing consequences.

Gender apartheid in Afghanistan denies women basic rights

By Michelle Raiford
Opinion

As Americans, we are guaranteed basic human rights, freedoms that we have just for being people. Included in these rights are everyday things that we take for granted, such as being able to have a career and being able to get an education.

In the United States, these rights are guaranteed to everyone, regardless of sex.

Although these rights are things that every human being should have, in many countries they are denied to certain groups of people. One of those countries is Afghanistan, where an extremist militia group called the Taliban has implemented a policy of gender apartheid, or segregation based on sex.

In the fall of 1996, the Taliban seized control of Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan. They proceeded to strip women of their basic human rights.

Under the Taliban, women cannot work, aren't allowed to receive any sort of education and are not allowed to leave their homes without a close male relative. They are forced to wear a burqua, a piece of clothing that completely surrounds their bodies, leaving only a small mesh opening to see through. Women cannot receive health care from male doctors, yet the Taliban prohibits most female doctors from practicing.

Women are beaten and killed every day for disobeying the Taliban, and many women have tried to commit suicide rather than live under these conditions. The conditions that these women live under are atrocious, and the world should have stepped in and taken more action by now.

An elderly woman was beaten so severely with a metal cable that her leg was broken and only because her ankle was showing. I know I go out with more showing than my ankle and don't think twice about it. Women are dying in Afghanistan for the most insane reasons, and we need to do more about it.

One may wonder how we can live in this day and age, in the middle of the information society, and have these atrocious crimes go unnoticed.

The Taliban gets support from many different areas. Pakistan is the country's main source of support, providing military aid. The countries of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates also give support to the Taliban.

Afghanistan is one of the world's leading producers of oil, and there is fierce competition to build pipelines through the country. Corporate investment under the Taliban could bring in billions of dollars for the regime without any thought to women's rights.

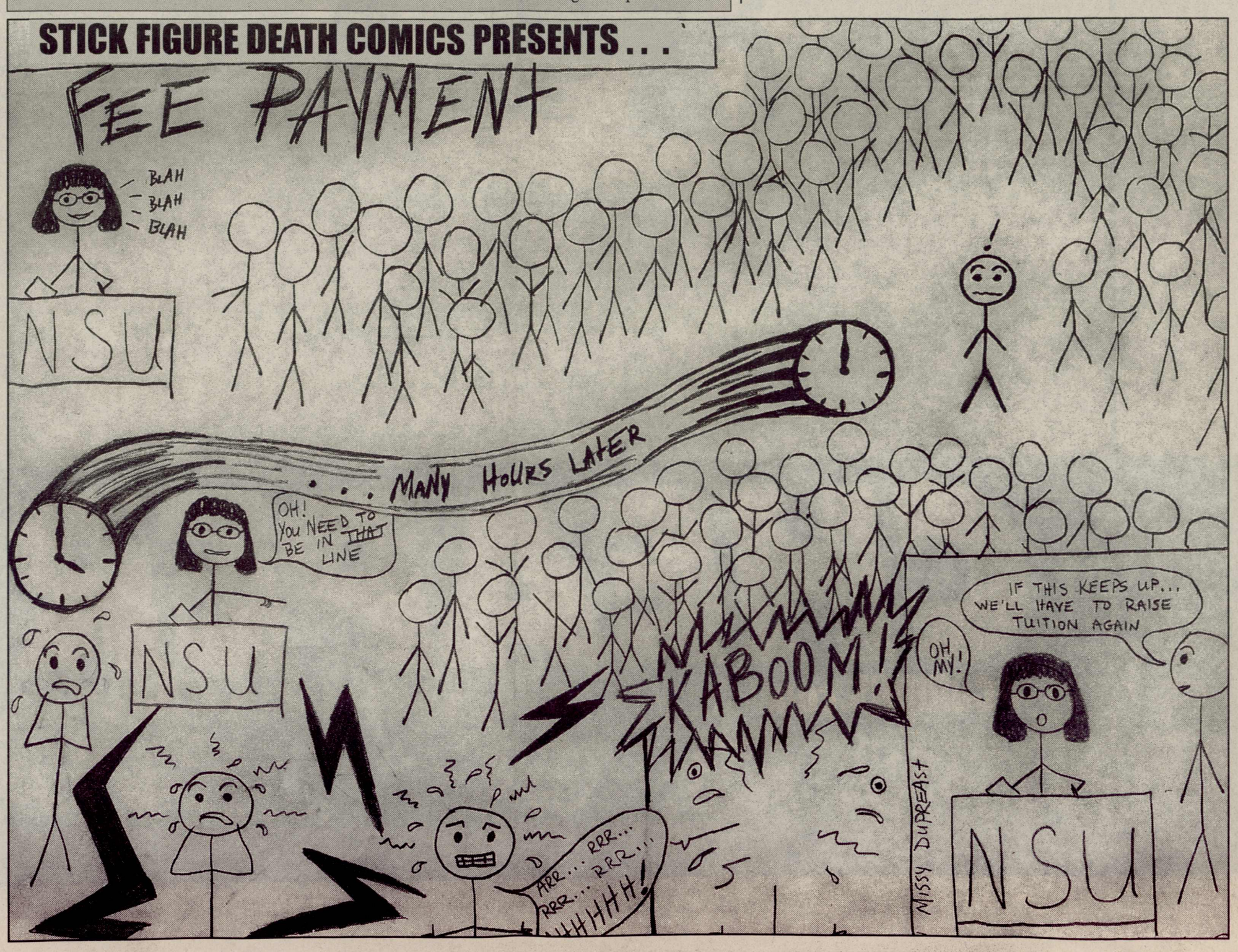
UNOCAL, a California based energy company, suspended a project to build a pipeline through Afghanistan due to pressure from organizations that protested their involvement with the Taliban.

Every day more organizations are realizing what is happening in Afghanistan and starting to do something about it. On August 24, the International Olympic Committee withdrew an invitation for two Afghan representatives to watch the games in Sydney, Australia. The Taliban claimed that receiving the invitation meant that the IOC officially recognized
the Taliban as the official government of Afghanistan. The IOC says that the invitation meant no such thing.

As more attention is brought to the plight of the Afghanistan women, we as students need to stop sitting around and get involved. Visit www.feminist.org for more information on their Back To School Campaign, which includes programs such as Adopt a School and provides information on how to start a petition drive. Write to U.S. officials and state representatives about why the United States should step in and take action in Afghanistan.

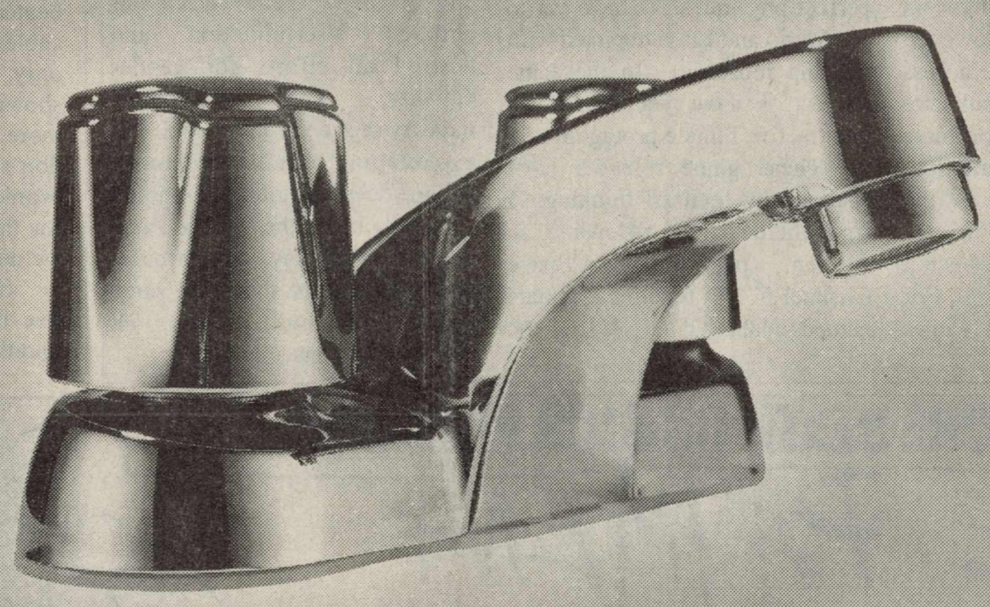
To find the addresses of these officials, visit the Women's Alliance for Peace and Human Rights in Afghanistan at www.wapha.org.

Take action and together we can end gender apartheid in Afghanistan.





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Student elections to be held next week

By Josh Beavers
Editor

Next week the Student Government Association will be conducting the Fall 2000 Northwestern elections.

University students will get the opportunity to to elect ten representatives to the SGA, as well as pick this year's Homecoming Court and Mr. and Miss NSU.

"All students should go out and vote," SGA Election Chair Joni Naquin said. "These positions are very important and influence the course of the University, so it is important that everyone vote."

All chartered organizations and residence halls get three nominations for honor court and one nomination for Mr. NSU and Miss NSU.

To qualify for Mr. and Miss NSU nominees must have a cumulative g.p.a. of at least 2.5, be in academic good standing, have no disciplinary record, completed 92 or more hours and receive four or more nominations for the spot.

For SGA Class Senator positions, nominees must have at least a 2.0 g.p.a., receive three nominations and fill out an accompanying application and platform speech.

Honor court nominees must have a 2.0 or higher and receive three or more nominations.

Voting locations will be different this year than in previous elections. There will be two different places for students to choose between candidates.

On Wednesday, voting will take place at Iberville Dining Hall to accommodate complaints from various student organizations that freshmen were unable to vote due to inaccesability of the voting booths.

Last year only around 800 of the campus' 6,000 students voted in the fall elections. Student Government President David Gunn feels that those numbers should increase this year.

"A larger number of underclassmen should vote this year due to the booths that will be in Iberville," Gunn said. "The new location will benefit a higher number of students than ever before."

Thursday's elections will be held at the traditional location in the Student Union. Voting hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Nominations are due Friday at noon. Applications for SGA senators can be picked up in room 222. All nominations must be turned in at room 214 of the Student Union by the deadline.

On the Ballot

Mr. and Miss. NSU
Homecoming Queen and Court
10 SGA Class Senators

Nominations are due by noon on Friday, September15.

Elections will be held Wednesday, September 20 at Iberville Dining Hall and Thursday, September 21 at the Student Union.



Theft on college campuses is a wide spread problem. Northwestern is no exception, but there are ways to prevent your personal belongings from ending up in the wrong hands.

STORY BY STEPHANIE DANBY, PHOTOGRAPH BY COURTNEY PAYNE

Thieves in the night

It's ten o'clock at night. Do you know where your Playstation is? If "in my dorm room" is your answer, you may want to check again.

The dorms house many victims of theft and, according to the University Police, Playstations seem to be what the dorm thieves are after.

"Believe it or not, Playstations are the number one item people are stealing," Douglas Prescott, University Police Department investigator, said. "And usually they are not breaking into the dorm rooms to get them."

Often times, dorm residents leave their doors unlocked or open while they are visiting with a friend in another room. Prescott said this is when most thefts usually occur. Even the short trip to the coke machine could cost a dorm resident his possessions if they are left unsecured.

"We're finding that doors are being left either unlocked or open," Prescott said. "We really have not had many instances where people have forced their way into dorm rooms."

Closing and keeping doors locked at all times will decrease the chance of theft, but it will not eliminate it. Some dorm thefts are an "inside job." In other words, the roommate is the thief. Prescott said roommates are responsible for 90 percent of the credit cards, ATM cards and checkbooks stolen from dorm rooms.

The University Police advise students not to leave items like credit cards and ATM cards out in the open.

"Don't leave them on tabletops and dressers," Prescott said. "Lock them up. Don't leave them out where people can get a hold of them."

To protect larger items such as Playstations, stereo equipment and VCR's, police encourage students to copy down the item's make, model and serial number. However, because most electronic equipments' make, model and serial number stickers can be removed, students usually engrave their initials or social security numbers onto their possessions instead.

"Engrave onto the property either your initials or social security number," Prescott said. "If the serial number is missing, and we find a social security number engraved on the item, we can assume that it is stolen property and are able to contact the rightful owner."

If students do not brand their property with some form of personal identification or copy down the item's make, model and serial number, there is no guarantee that the item will be returned to them if stolen.

"Educating the students is the big thing," Prescott said. "We want to make them aware that they can take some affirmative action to make themselves the least possible targets they can be. Everybody has to take a certain amount of responsibility."

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Dorm visitation hours change to please students

By Raymond Williams
Senior Sauce Reporter

On September 6, a change in the dorm visitation policy went into effect in an effort to please students.

Now students living in residential halls can have visitors between the hours of 12 p.m. and 12 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 12 p.m. until 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The original policy only allowed visitation between 4 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 2 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. The extension now gives students over four extra hours for visitation.

"We're trying to keep happy campers," said Woody Blair, coordinator of residential life.

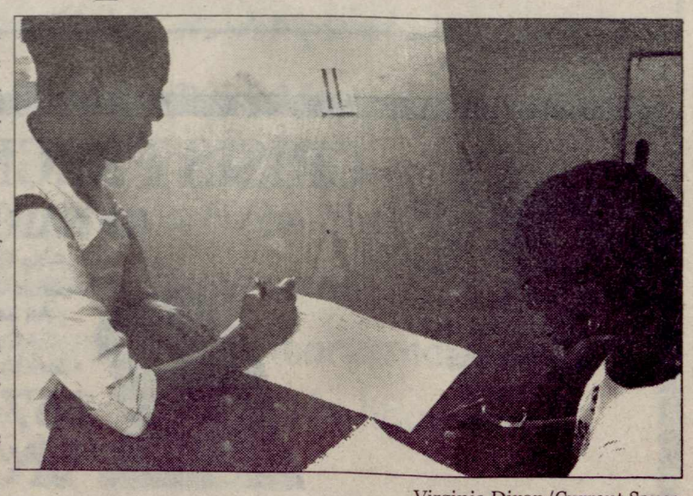
Blair also said students have requested an extension for several years now. He said the University could not grant this request earlier because of the lack of student workers to cover those extended hours. Blair said extra desk workers were hired specifically for the change.

"That's the kind of thing our money should be used for," Vonnie Lyles, area coordinator of Sabine hall, said.

Other universities have similar visitation policies. For instance, Louisiana Tech University allows opposite sex visitation during the hours of 12 p.m. and 12 a.m.

Also, the University of Louisiana at Monroe has visitation Thursday to Sunday from 12 a.m.

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Virginia Dixon/Current Sauce
Visitation hours have been changed due to popular demand of students.

Tradition continues at University

By Kaleb Breaux
News Editor

A university football tradition continued when a public prayer was spoken at the Demons home opener against Southern University September 2.

The public prayer issue is an one that has been and is still controversial.

Joe Cook, the executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Louisiana, says it is not illegal for a college or university to have public prayer before an event such as a football game. However, Cook says it's unethical.

"It [public prayer] makes people who have different beliefs feel like outsiders in their own community," Cook said.

Cook also explained how colleges and universities go by different rules than primary and secondary schools.

"At primary and secondary schools it [prayer] would be illegal," Cook said. "The courts have decided that colleges and universities are somewhat different."

The ACLU believes prayer should not be a part of public events.

"Prayer at events sponsored by public organizations should be freed from the advancement of religion," Cook said.

Greg Burke, the University athletic director, feels that prayer before football games is not a problem that affects students.

"It was a University decision that has been a part of our football program," Burke said. "It's something that we just continued doing."

Although no complaints have been filed yet, University officials are aware of the controversy, and are willing to address the subject.

"If you put on an event that has the magnitude of a college football game, there are a lot of factors that could upset people," Burke said. "If this becomes an issue, we'll address it when it happens," he continued.

If anyone who did attend the game had a problem with the public prayer issue, Cook would like to urge him or her to notify the ACLU of Louisiana by phone or over the Internet. You can contact them by the Internet at www.laaclu.org or by phone at (504) 522-0617.

VISITATION: Making "happy campers" since 1894

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to 12 p.m. in some dorms and from 12 p.m. to 2 a.m. in others.

Lyles said she was surprised to see how few hours were allowed for visitation when she arrived as a freshman. She said residents seem to be pleased with the change.

Blair said the extension would allow students more time to study and give them more responsibility. He said the main problem he expects with the change will be the conflict between roommates who may not like the other's guests.

"Roommates should just respect each other's wishes," Blair said.

One student believed the change could have a more serious impact on the University.

"It might increase the pregnancy rate," Shayla Green said.

Soon each residence hall will elect a Resident Hall Council that will make a decision on what the hours of visitation for that particular hall will be.

Blair said the extension represents the maximum hours allowed, but the council may choose to have fewer hours for visitation.

"When I was in school, we didn't have visitation," Blair said. "But times change," he concluded.

THEFT: Police offer tips to protect property

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Although students and the University Police have a certain amount of responsibility for items stolen on campus, the University is not responsible for the loss of personal property in the dorms.

According to the 2000 - 2001 Northwestern Student Handbook, "The University is not responsible for loss of personal property in the residential facilities due to fire, theft, interruption of water, heat, utilities or other causes. Residents are encouraged to provide their own personal property insurance. Losses due to theft should be reported immediately to the Resident Assistant, Residence Director and University Police."

So does the Office of Auxiliary Services have a stolen property policy for the dorms?

"We do," Woody Blair, director of auxiliary services, said. "It's called University Police."

To activate this "policy," students should be aware of their surroundings and report anything suspicious to the University Police.

"If you see someone on the floor that you don't believe is a resident there, call the RA or University Police," Blair said. "It's just like neighborhood watch."

The number of dorm thefts is decreasing. Prescott believes cameras installed in Rapides Hall and the prosecution of those caught stealing are responsible for this decline.

"It is getting better," Prescott said. "But it can always improve."

Priceline and local Brookshires team

By Windy S. La'Borde
Sauce Reporter

Brookshires in Natchitoches has recently become an affiliate of Priceline.com, an internet site where one can "name your own price" for groceries.

The program works as a vendor funded advertising campaign.

"The quality perception connected with name brand items that people have had in the past are gone," Greg Robinson of Brookshires said.

Because of this, name brand companies such as Kellogg's and, Nestea are using Priceline to advertise their products and boost sales.

Being affiliated with Priceline gives Brookshires "a pure competitive advantage"

"People have to come to us to get the prices they paid for at Priceline." Robinson said "So far, the customer is saving 40 to 55 percent."

A Priceline grocery debit card can be obtained at Brookshires, or Priceline.com will mail one after signing up. The card must be activated from the website before it can be used at Brookshires.

To begin saving on groceries, one must first go to priceline.com on the internet and click on the groceries link. Interested parties will be prompted to fill out one form with name, address, e-mail and other personal information. They will also have to complete another form with credit card information. Visa, Mastercard, American Express and ATM debit cards with such icons as Hibernia and City Bank are acceptable.

After all of the paperwork is filled out, a new screen will come up to begin shopping. This is where all of the available groceries are displayed.

One then has to click on an item and choose two brand names from the list and a preferred price. Usually there are four prices to choose from.

The box will tell how likely each price will be approved. The party will also be given six half price tokens that have a 98 percent likelihood of being approved. Individuals can earn more half price tokens by signing up with selected sponsors. Within an hour, an e-mail will be sent telling whether or not the offered price was accepted or declined.

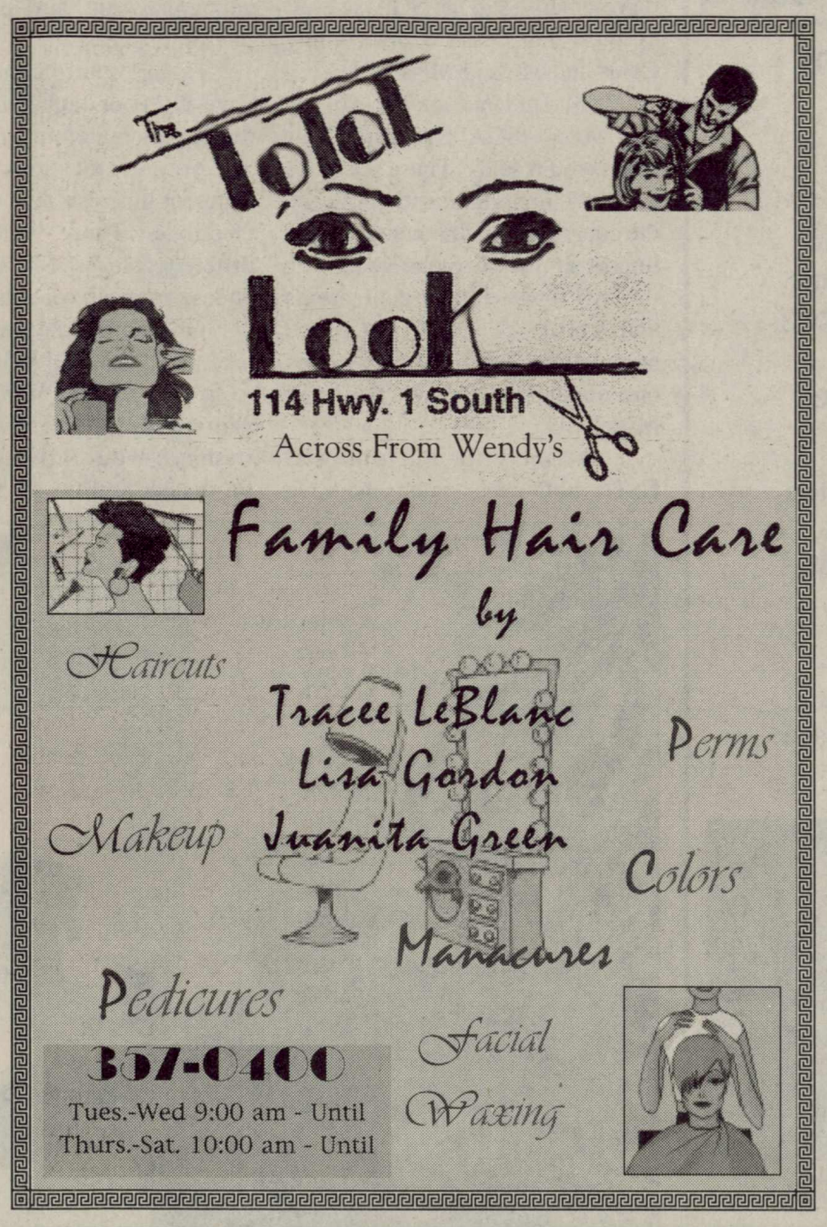
If it was accepted, then this amount will be immediately charged to the credit card or ATM card. If not, more directions will be given so one can try to get the desired price.

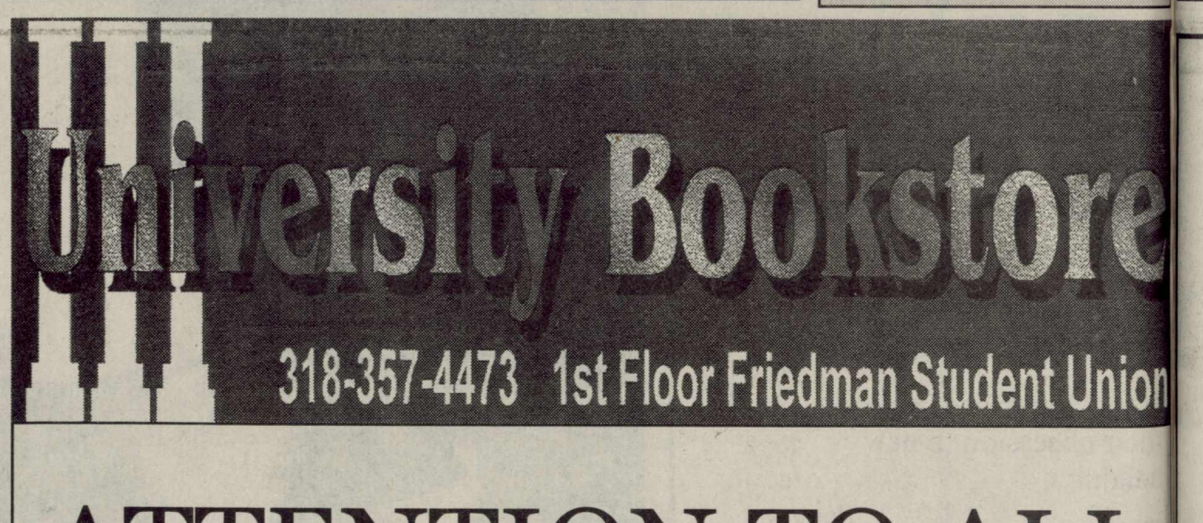
Once the list is final, one must go to the checkout selection and print it out. The printed list and activated card is needed to pick up the groceries. When picking up the groceries, one must get the correct brand and size that corresponds with the price paid.

Remember, when going to checkout at the grocery store, there is no need to pay the cashier. Simply use the grocery card like a credit or debit card.

If an item costs less at the store than you paid for it, your priceline account will be credited within two weeks.

Individuals will receive a receipt from the cashier stating how much the groceries were at regular price and how much was actually paid for them.





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Campus Connections

NSU CLUB SOCCER

The NSU Club Soccer team is looking for new members.The first informational meeting will be held Thursday, August 24, at 5 p.m. behind Watson Library. Everyone is welcome. Any questions, call Cesar Isguitt, at 354-6483.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

The SGA would like to tell all students about a few of the programs they are undertaking this school year. Don't forget to pick up your free scantrons, every Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 222 of the Student Union. You will need a student I.D. to take advantage. Also, check out the Book Swap Board while you are there and see if someone has a book you need at a cheaper rate.

SIGMA SIGMA SIGMA

Attention all Sigmas. Don't forget Sisterhood on Friday, which is the pep rally. Remember to wear your bid day shirt. Send your fee payment through the mail. Have a safe weekend.

WATSON LIBRARY

The staff of Watson Library would like the students of NSU to know about a new service that could help them in their educational growth. For more information, check with the circulation department.

WESLEY WESTMINISTER FOUNDATION

Students can have lunch at the Wesley Westminister Foundation (between Magee's and The Ink Spot) on Tuesday from 11:30 until 1:00. The first visit is free and $1 each time thereafter. Worship services are held from 6:30-7:30 pm each Wednesday.

The Wesley Westminister Foundation is looking for English tutors to help fellow students. The position pays $6 per hour and is part time. Apply at the Wesley Westminister Foundation. Call Ellis Newman for more information: 352-2888.

DELTA SIGMA THETA

Delta Sigma Theta sorority would like to extend a congratulations to Latoria Hamilton of Natchitoches. Also, thank you to all its many participants for their support in the Demons vs. Jags Raffle 2000.

The Iota Mu Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. announces its Fall 2000 Informational and Rush Activity. It will be held on Sunday, September 17 at 6 pm in the Student Union. All ladies are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Gaynelle Stewart (Chapter President) at 354-7966, Brenda Flower (Advisor) at 352-2970 or Judith Hayes (Advisor) at 352-8267.

NABJ

Congratulations to Chris Davis. He won the NABJ raffle prize last week. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 26 at 4:30.

New service = parking solution?

By Rheannon Coon
Sauce Reporter

University parking is a problem for many students, but the solution may be easier than some expect.

Northwestern officials have devised a new way for students to get from one point on campus to another without having to fight for parking spaces. The NSU Shuttle Service is a new mode of transportation that will carry students to any place they need to reach on campus.

"The shuttle service is a good way for students to get where they need to be when they need to be there," director of the physical plant Loran Lindsey said.

The shuttle runs from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; it picks up on the west side of Prather Coliseum every hour. Representatives at the University Police Department said the shuttle can drop an individual off just about anywhere they need to go on campus.

Two of the main reasons Lindsey attributed to the parking problem was people parking in the wrong spots and the lack of students walking to class.

"I drove out across campus one day and saw cars double parked in the grass, I went over to Prather and counted 12 cars parked there."

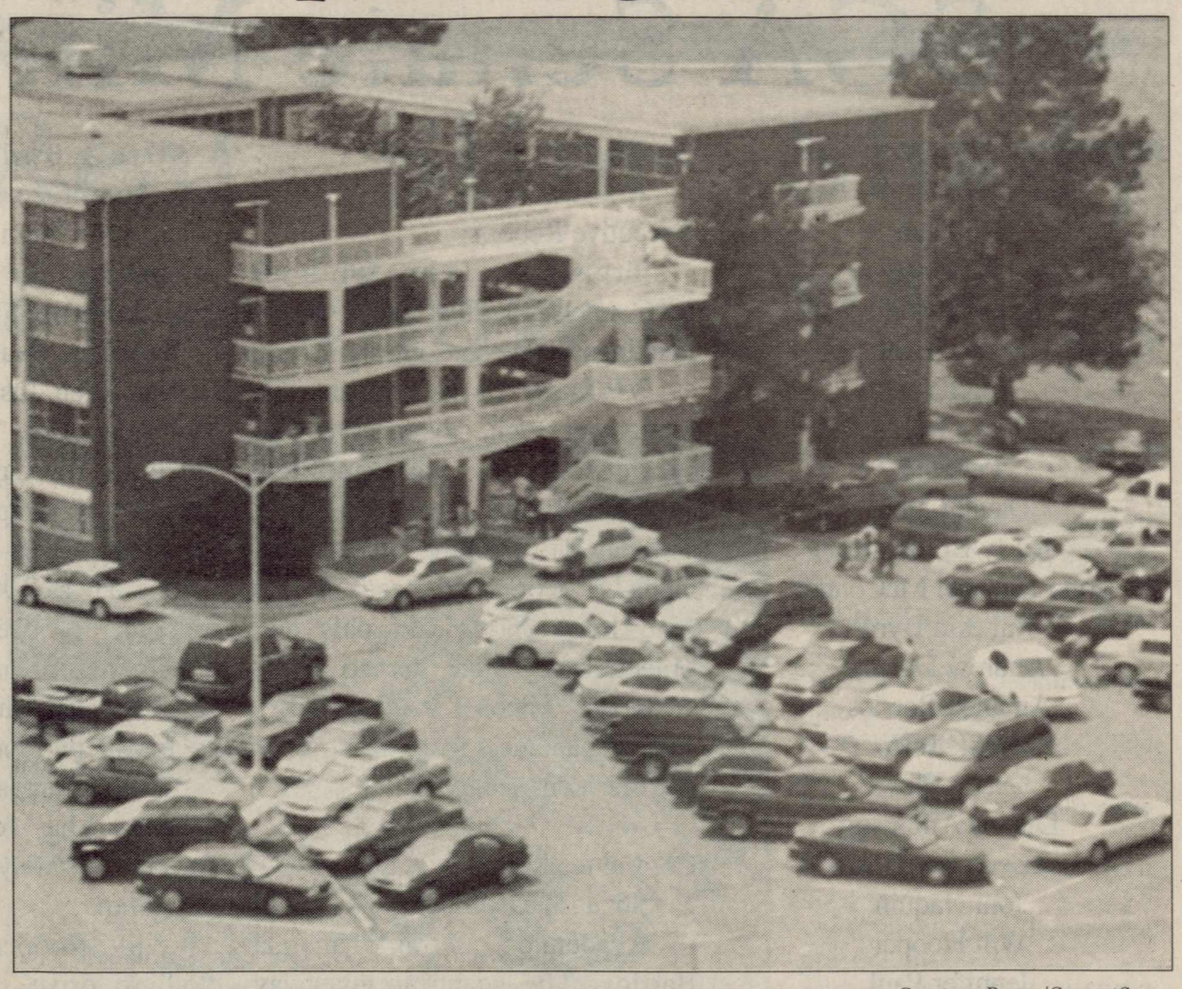
One problem is residents of the University Columns who drive onto campus from their apartments.

"The residents of the University Columns are not even supposed to park on campus," Lindsey said. "The pathway leading from the Columns to campus is well lighted and was built for the residents to use."

He continued to say that there are plenty of parking place, just not in the most ideal locations for the students.

"Everyone wants to park at the front door and they can't," he said. "If everyone takes advantage of the shuttles when possible and even walked sometimes, the situation should improve."

If there are any questions about the service, one can contact the University Police at 357-5431.

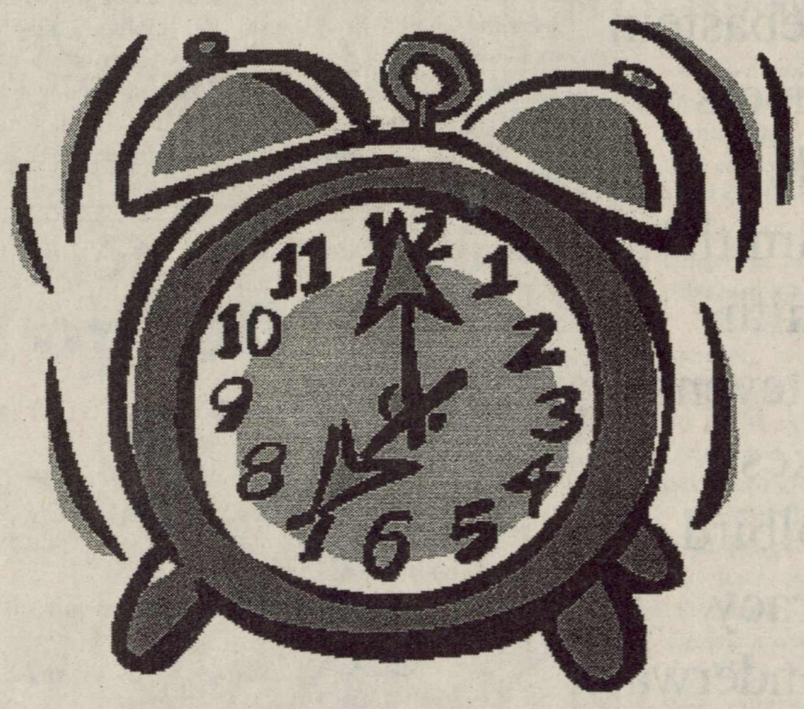


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Parking has even become a problem at campus resident halls as seen here in the parking lot of the Bossier Resident Hall.



Virginia Dixon/Current Sauce
University officials are trying to solve the campus parking issue by utilizing a university shuttle service that will transport students to their desired location on campus.

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Campus

SGA Senate Minutes for 8/28/2000

SGA Meeting 9/11/00

Roll call
Absent:
Justin Chandler
Wayne Bush
Todd Yore
Jack Givens
Present:
David Gunn
Rusty Broussard
John-Michael McConnell
Vanessa Byrd
Andrew Davies
Amanda Barrios
Frank Torro
Dustin Floyd
Leanna Anderson
Joseph Longlois
Joni Naquin
Will Hooper
Jennifer Paul
Shymika Stephenson
Ja'Juan Allen
Matthew Comeaux
Shaun Jackson
Glenn Ward
Justin Owen
Jessica Cramer
Casey Ponder
Jared Monroe
Jeremiah Newsom
Paul Montleone

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm.

The prayer was led by Shaun Jackson.

The pledge was Andrew Davies.

Executive Reports:

Treasurer-John-Michael McConnell said that fiscal affairs meetings are Wednesday at 3:30pm.

VP-Rusty Broussard said that retreat went well. His meeting with President Webb was cancelled. Election Board needs to meet Tuesday at 5:00pm. Needs the alpha list. Committee heads need to give him reports of goals and objectives. Sign list to work elections. Michael Ward resigned. Justin Chandler is in administrative.

President-see report.

Committee Reports:

Shaun Jackson left the meeting.

Academic Affairs-Amanda Barrios- The scantron giveaway went well. It is on Mondays from 11-1pm. The meeting is Wednesday is 5:00pm. I need schedules from the members.

Andrew Davies-He is publicizing the filings and the elections. I am getting ready for Homecoming. The radio show is 9:00am Tuesday. The meeting is Tuesday at 5:00pm.

John-Michael McConnell-The meeting is Tuesday at 3:00pm. We will be reviewing the budget.

Matthew Comeaux-The meeting is Tuesday at 4:30pm.

Organizational Grants-giving out packets.

Vanessa Byrd went over Senate rules and office hours. Everyone needs to sign up for two committees. The following need to sign up for two committees:

Jennifer Paul, Wayne Bush, Ja'Juan Allen, Justin Chandler, Paul Montleone, Todd Yore Joni Naquin-Meetings Tuesday at 5:00pm and Thursday at 5:00pm this week.

Justin Owen- The meeting is Wednesday at 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome to meeting walking on directory. Incorporating shuttle service for designated driving. We are having two forums.

Traffic Appeals-Justin- It took three hours but went well.
Traffic and safety meets tomorrow at 2:00pm.

Will Hooper-Friday is the clothing drive. October 24 at 7:00pm is the hypnotist in the alley. Jazz musicians are coming in February. Coffee House-September 18.

II. New Business

Joni Naquin moves to approve Sabrina Key as the editor of the Argus.

Amanda Barrios seconded.

The motion was passed by a general consent.

The following people were nominated for homecoming court:
Will Hooper-Casey Jo Crowder
David Gunn-Melissa Blakey
John-Michael McConnell-Jennifer Paul
Justin Owen-Wendy Petrus
Joni Naquin-Jamie Hughes
Rusty Broussard-Sarah Griffith

Melissa Blakey, Jennifer Paul, Jamie Hughes won the nominations.

The following people were nominated for Mr. NSU:
Amanda Barrios-Matthew Comeaux Jennifer Paul-John-Michael McConnell Shymika Stephenson-Ja'Juan Allen Andrew Davies-Charlie Pinrod. He declined the nomination.

Matt Comeaux won the nomination.

The following people were nominated for Mrs. NSU:
Jennifer Paul-Camille Nunez
Amanda Barrios-Vanessa Byrd
(She declined.) Matt Comeaux-Jamie McElroy

Camille Nunez won the nomination.

Amanda Barrios moved to approve the elections at Iberville and Student Union.

Jennifer Paul seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by general consent.

Dustin Floyd nominated himself for election board. He was appointed.

Rusty Broussard left the meeting.

Matt Comeaux reads section 1 of senate rules.

Amanda Barrios reads section 2 of senate rules.

Justin Owen reads section 3 of senate rules.

David Gunn reads section 4 of senate rules.

Vanessa Byrd will correct all mistakes and it will be voted on next week.

Charlie Pinrod gave update of Supreme Court. There are six returning members.

David Gunn appoints Jonathan Chance as a senator.

Andrew Davies moved to approve Jonathan.

Amanda Barrios seconded.

The motion was passed by a general consent.

David gives Jonathan Chance oath of office.

III. Announcements

Mr. Henry thanks the appeals committee. He said not to park in the Fine Arts Hill. You will get a ticket.

Ja'Juan Allen thanked student workers for spelling his name right.

Nominations stop Friday at 12:00pm for Mr. and Mrs. NSU

Matt Comeaux thanked Paige for her work with organizational grants.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.

Congratulations to our New Members

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Brittany Baucom
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Brittany Bennett
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Christia Carter
Danielle Chaudoir
Alison Clary
Amanda Crain
Kristen Doucet
Angelina Fagan
Sarah Fisher
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Calli Hall
Jessica Hernandez
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Sailing with the Best

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The *View* from the Front Row

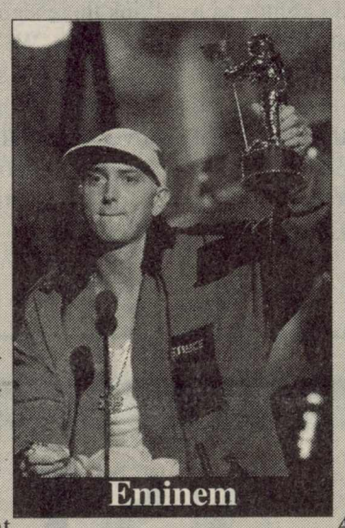
By Larry Collins
Life Editor

Video killed the radio star

Another year gone and another round of award shows are in the books.

This past week was fantastic for me when it came to the winners of the major awards at the MTV Video Music Awards.

My appreciation and defense for Eminem was finally justified as he walked away with three VMAs, one of which being the prestigious Video of the Year Award. I am extremely happy that the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation exercised their rights to protest the anti-homosexual lyrics in his music during the award show. I sympathize with their battle and hope that they realize that the same right that allowed them to protest is the same right that lets The Shady One say the very things that has offended them.


Eminem

A friend of mine was a part of the Eminem performance and said that Eminem seemed indifferent to the protesters.

Eminem was totally correct in saying that every time a group protests at his sows are condemns him in the media he sells even more records. They are helping to make him an even larger star. But enough about Eminem... we've been down that road.

The performance of the night would have to belong to the duet between Christina Aguilera and Limp Bizkit's front man, Fred Durst. It was a tongue in cheek moment that played on the Eminem lyrics concerning an alleged instance of oral sex between Aguilera and Durst and MTV on-air personality Carson Daly.

Hosting duties should be held for people artists that have some stand-up experience and talent. The Wayans Brothers were extremely humorous in their primetime television show and in their summer movie blockbuster Scary Movie, but fell short in their attempt to entertain the audience for the show. I hope that MTV will tap the talents of Chris Rock again next year

I must also comment on the performances of Britney Spears. Spears' supposed strip show was actually quite tame and blown a bit out of proportion. She had on flesh toned clothing to go along with the mood changing from her cover of the Rolling Stones' hit "*Satisfaction*" and her single "*Oops... I Did It Again.*" She went from a singer in a smoke filled room to pop princess with her change of costume.

With all things considered and not counting the temper tantrum thrown by the bassist for rage Against the Machine after losing to Limp Bizkit Executive Producer Dave Sirulnick pulled off another fantastic VMA show. Also, Kudos to the MTV News team, especially new member Ian Robinson, (the consummate professional) Serena Altschul and (MTV comic relief) Brian McFayden.

The Current Sauce Top 25



1.	*Pinch Me*	*Barenaked Ladies*
2.	Teenage Dirtbag	*Wheatus*
3.	With Arms Wide Open	*Creed*
4.	Come On Over	*Christina Aguilera feat. Fred Durst*
5.	(Hot Sh**t) Country Grammar	*Nelly*
6.	The First	*Tegan and Sara*
7.	The Way I Am	*Eminem*
8.	One Voice	*Billy Gilman*
9.	You're a god	*Vertical Horizon*
10.	Six Pacs	*Getaway People*
11.	Girl From The Gutter	*Kina*
12.	Jumpin' Jumpin'	*Destiny's Child*
13.	Sundown	*Elwood*
14.	It's My Life	*Bon Jovi*
15.	Kryptonite	*3 Doors Down*
16.	Change Your Mind	*Sister Hazel*
17.	I Need You	*Leanne Rimes*
18.	I Think I'm In Love	*Jessica Simpson*
19.	Boyz In The Hood	*Dynamite Hack*
20.	Last Resort	*Papa Roach*
21.	Wonderful	*Everclear*
22.	What You Want	*DMX feat. Sisqo*
23.	Why Didn't You Call Me	*Macy Gray*
24.	Lucky	*Britney Spears*
25.	You're an Ocean	*Fastball*


Kina


Aguilera & Durst


Elwood

The Real Slim Shady sweeps the show at VMAs

By Randall S. Fredrick
LIFE Reporter

MTV Video Music Awards were once again filled with celebrities, vulgarity, unscripted chaos, many comedic moments poking fun at popular artists and actors in the audience, and after parties into the late hours of the morning.

But this year had a new addition to the raucous awards show, a hijacker. When the members of Limp Bizkit came to the stage to accept the award for Best Rock Video, a stage crasher hung above the podium on scaffolding. The crasher was later identified as Rage Against the Machine bassist Tim Comerford, who for ten minutes dangled about the stage while Limp Bizkit frontman Fred Durst taunted him.

"We got a madman! Stage dive, dude!" Durst said.

The audience joined in shouting "Jump! Jump!" Trying to cool the situation slightly, Durst complimented Comerford by saying, "This guy is rock 'n' roll. He should be getting this award."

During the show, police tried to arrest Comerford for suspected assault and resisting arrest, which explains why he was climbing the scaffolding. After ten minutes of hysteria, Comerford came down from the stage decoration and was immediately arrested. Machine's bodyguard, Perrin Bentle, was also arrested for obstructing justice.


Associated Press
Louisiana native Britney Spears pounds the VMA stage as she performs the classic Rolling Stones hit "Satisfaction." She was shut out and received no awards.

With show hijacking and arrests over with, the show continued on. Rapper Eminem, with Slim Shady lookalikes in tow, sang his popular hit *The Real Slim Shady* amid heckles from anti-defamation and gay rights protesters. His performance was followed by a public service announcement from the network discouraging hate crimes and violence against gays. Eminem walked away from the show with three Moon Men Awards, including Best Male Video.

After winning Video of the Year, the rapper said he would take the awards home and put them right between his Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera posters.

Despite having five nominations each, Spears and Aguilera did not win any trophies. Instead, the Best Female Video went to singer Aaliyah for *Try Again*, which also won Best Video for a Film.

Spears was once again criticized for her choice in clothing, having worn a cleavage-popping outfit for her performance of *Oops!...I did it Again*.

Following her act, host Marlon Wayans said, "Girl went from the Mickey Mouse Club to strip club!"

Winners were:

VIDEO OF THE YEAR: Eminem, *The Real Slim Shady*
MALE VIDEO: Eminem, *The Real Slim Shady*
FEMALE VIDEO: Aaliyah, *Try Again*
GROUP VIDEO: Blink 182, *All the Small Things*
NEW ARTIST: Macy Gray, *I Try*
POP VIDEO: 'N Sync, *Bye, Bye, Bye*
HIP-HOP VIDEO: Sisqó, *Thong Song*
DANCE VIDEO: Jennifer Lopez, *Waiting for Tonight*
R&B VIDEO: Destiny's Child, *Say My Name*
RAP VIDEO: Dr. Dre/Eminem, *Forgot About Dre*
ROCK VIDEO: Limp Bizkit, *Break Stuff*
VIEWERS' CHOICE: 'N Sync, *Bye, Bye, Bye*
BREAKTHROUGH VIDEO: Björk, *All Is Full of Love*
VIDEO FROM A FILM: Aaliyah, *Try Again* from *Romeo Must Die*
DIRECTION: Red Hot Chili Peppers, *Californication* directed by Johnathan Dayton and Valerie Faris
CHOREOGRAPHY: 'N Sync, *Bye, Bye, Bye* choreographed by Darrin Henson
SPECIAL EFFECTS: Björk, *All Is Full of Love* effects by Glassworks
ART DIRECTION: Red Hot Chili Peppers, *Californication* art direction by Colin Strause
EDITING: Aimee Mann, *Save Me* edited by Dylan Tichneor
CINEMATOGRAPHY: Macy Gray, *Do Something* cinematography by Jeff Cronenwet
VIDEO VANGUARD: Red Hot Chili Peppers

Anticipation builds for *Star Wars Episode II*

Randall S. Fredrick
LIFE Reporter

The next installment of the *Star Wars* trilogy, *Episode II*, is perhaps the most eagerly awaited film since its predecessors. Ever since the first *Star Wars* came out, fans have lined up around cineplexes around the country for each installment in the series.

Since the advent of the internet, websites around the globe have popped up, and with the power of growing technology, "fan films" for the next movie have been created.

Most of the films have ranged from thirty seconds to ten minutes and have featured Jedi Knights mentioned in the popular book series but not seen in the films.

When the trailer for *Episode I* was debuted on the official website www.starwars.com, it was the most downloaded file ever, blocking internet traffic for days. Parents who had seen the original film when it came out were teased for thirty seconds side by side with their children.

Darth Vader has always been known as one of the most interesting villains in cinematic history, but little is known about him before he turned to the dark side. His heroic days have reached mythical proportions in the *Star Wars* universe, and now fans were seeing the beginnings of the myth coming to life.

Earlier this month when a trailer for *Episode II* debuted on www.theforce.net, fans went wild once again with word of mouth spreading throughout the country, and the internet was once again clogged by downloads.


Associated Press
Some fans of the *Star Wars* series just can't wait to see the movie. They can't even wait to see an actual movie trailer. One such fan has taken matters into his own hands and has created his own *Episode II* trailer.

Then everyone realized the trailer was an elaborate hoax.

An anonymous fan had meticulously pieced together clips from movies and television series so well that even hard core fans of the *Star Wars Trilogy* were fooled into believing the credibility of the minute and a half tease.

In previous months, stars such as Jimmy Smits, Gabriel Byrne, Christopher Walken and Madeline Stowe have been rumored to have parts in *Episode II*, in addition to the confirmed cast of Natalie Portman, Ewan McGregor and Hayden Christensen.

The fan included clips from all four of the previous *Star Wars* films, *Braveheart, Last of the Mohicans, Anywhere But Here, Dune, The Tommyknockers,The Prophecy* and the critically acclaimed television series *Higher Ground*, where Christensen can be seen before he signed on to become Darth Vader. The trailer was set to the familiar John Williams score of *Star Wars*.

The anonymous director has spoken only to www.theforce.net for fear of lawsuits from the many films he borrowed from. In the brief interview, he said the work was inspired by his disappointment in *Episode I* and also because he wanted to share his vision with other fans.

His work was so successful and believable that CNN's *Showtime Today*, along with several other media shows, have highlighted the trailer and heralded the genius of the mystery filmmaker.

People In Brief


Lopes

TLC's Lisa Lopes has reportedly resurfaced in New Orleans, according to Arista publicist Max Shelton.

"There has been a sighting of Lisa in a New Orleans hotel," Shelton said. "But having said that, there has also been calls from Honduras and Los Angeles over the weekend claiming they've seen her."

Lopes, who was last seen by her business partner Ian Burke on Aug. 31 in Atlanta, was reported missing last week after she failed to turn up at a press conference for the Music of Black Origin Awards last Wednesday in Las Vegas and a photo shoot the following day in New York. Despite the confirmed New Orleans spotting by a television news team, which caught Lopes and her boyfriend Sean Newman jumping into a car, Shelton says that she has not yet contacted Arista Records, but is confident that she still remains in the United States.

"We haven't alerted customs, but all the news services have been on twenty-four-hour alert," Shelton says, "and they would have spotted her if she tried to leave the country."

Spotlight: Under the Gunn
SGA President William David Gunn

By Heather Patton
Staff Reporter

As you step inside the cramped space that SGA president William David Gunn calls his office, you may notice several things.

For one thing, there is a picture of a sunset framed on the wall.

"My dad took that picture," Gunn said. "He's a photography fan."

Another thing you might notice is the George W. Bush for President sticker on the wall.

Although Gunn claims to be a libertarian, he feels Bush is the lesser of two evils.

Gunn is also a die-hard Saints fan, which can be seen by the fleur-di-lis' screen saver on his computer.

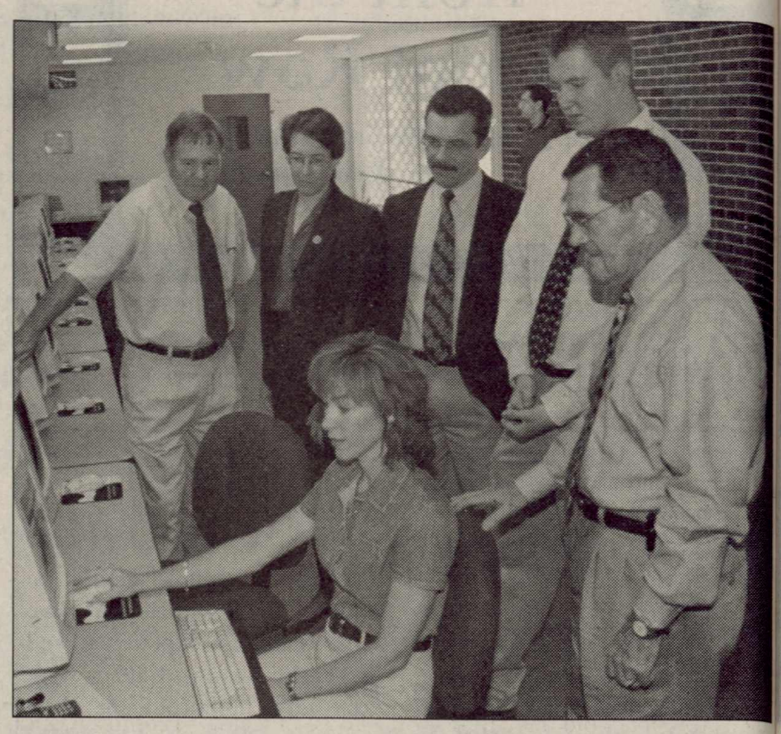
"Even thought they lose so much, I think being a Saints fan builds character," said Gunn.

Gunn is a native of Slidell, LA, and he is the youngest in a family of two brothers.

Political science, his major, seemed the best choice for him considering the interests he had as a child.

"I remember talking about current events at dinner with the family," Gunn said. "I was really interested. It's easier and more entertaining for some to turn on MTV than CNN. Other people find it more interesting to read the paper. It's always been more entertaining for me to learn about what's going on in the world."


NSU Press
Gunn takes time out to have a little fun by shoving a pie in the face of former SGA President Shawn Hornsby last year during an fund raiser.


NSU Press
Gunn puts on his professional hat as he meets with University officials to discuss computer lab facilities on the NSU campus.

Gunn is a member of the Student Government Association, the Student Activities Board, and the Student Union Board of Directors. He is also a member of the Student Ambassadors, a group of students who represent the university at various functions.

Gunn's favorite part of his job is seeing student leaders in high school. I would think, they're smart, but they can't relate to students. I thought that I could change that."

Worrying about time management is a weakness for Gunn. Managing classes and having time to himself is a challenge for him.

"You just have to have discipline," Gunn said. "From 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., it's SGA and school. At night, it's reading and studying. But this is getting me ready for the real world."

Gunn is considering law school in the future. He said he would like to work in clinics as a poverty lawyer first, then as a prosecutor or defense counsel.

When it comes to politics, he said he feels the political campaigns are taking a wrong turn. Gunn said that even though there are college kids in College Republicans or College Democrats, it's not a big percentage.

"I think people my age want to change that," Gunn said. "I think there's going to be a political revolution. We're a generation like any other, and society has changed so much. I think about student government all the time. I love this job. I'm doing what I love and it really motivates me to get going."



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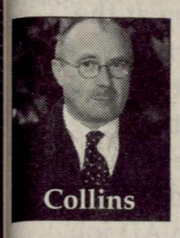
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LIFE: *Features*

News In Brief

Make room for daddy


Collins

British musician Phil Collins is to become a father again at the age of 49, the BBC reported on Wednesday.

A spokesman for the singers said Collins and his third wife, Orianne, 28, were expecting their first child next year. Orianne was said to be three months pregnant. ``It is very early days yet and they have not even told all the members of their families yet," the spokesman told the BBC.

Collins already has two adult children and an 11-year-old daughter from his previous marriages.

Collins rose to prominence as drummer in the 1970s of British art-rock band Genesis. He later took over from Peter Gabriel as the band's vocalist before forging a solo career in 1995.

He has had a string of hit singles and earlier this year won an Oscar for the song ``You'll Be in My Heart" from the animated movie ``Tarzan."

He married Orianne, his former interpreter, in July 1999 at a celebrity-studded ceremony in Switzerland.

The softer side of athletic supporters

Dominique Irvin
LIFE Reporter

"They [students] don't really know anything about us or what we are," Tara Newman said

That much is evident by the confused looks, "I don't know" and "A what?" answers most people give when asked if they know what a Demon Sweetheart is.

Tara Newman and Stacey Thompson, both juniors, and Christy Groves, a sophomore, are all members of the Demon Sweethearts.

"We want them to know what we do and how much time we put into this," Newman said.

So what exactly is a Demon Sweetheart, and what do they do?

"A Demon Sweetheart is a girl who is interested in the Northwestern State University football team," Thompson said.

During the fall, the Demon Sweethearts do fundraisers, decorate the locker room, sell programs and buttons to the parents and work the concession stands during the home games.

"Don't [we] help with recruitment?" Groves asks.

"That's our job in the spring," Thompson said.

"The Sweethearts help with recruitment by talking with the players, leading tours on campus, stuff like that and whatever else they can do to help." Thompson said. "Basically, we're a way for girls who like football to get interested and involved with the football team."

Sweetheart involvement is all thanks to Coach Kevin Corliss. After seeing similar programs at other schools, Coach Corliss decided to start the Demon Sweethearts at the University in the fall of 1995 with the assistance of Janet Goodwin.

Although Coach Corliss is no longer actively involved in selecting the Sweethearts, he admits they are looking for girls who are responsible, who are familiar with the requirements and who will fulfill the duties.

To be a Sweetheart, one must be a full time student and maintain a 2.0 g.p.a.

After filling out an application, the candidate will be interviewed by two football players, the head coach and the sponsor. If they like you, they keep you, and the work begins.

Like other organizations,the Sweethearts have officers, and they meet every Thursday. In their meetings they organize and finalize plans about what will be done for the next home game, how the locker room will be decorated and make sure everyone knows what's going on and what her part is. They also make signs and goodie bags for the starters. Every girl adopts a player and gives him gifts every week. If more than one girl wants the same guy, the president decides who gets him.

So far, there haven't been any problems between the Sweethearts and the football players.

"They respect us, and we respect them," Newman said when asked how she thinks the player's view the Sweethearts.

"I think they're a little upset with us because we didn't get to do anything for them for the first game," Thompson said. "But I think they are appreciative that there's somebody out there [that] spends their time, not getting paid. We're not getting any benefit from it except helping them out. I think they would say we rock!"

Well, those might not be their exact words, but the consensus among the players is they like having the Sweethearts around.

"I like the gifts they give us," Cornerback Marcus Thomas said.

" I think it's a good thing." Quarterback Ben Beach said. "It's nice to know that people care about us like they do."

The Sweethearts hope to become more active as the semester passes, so they can do more for the players. They have not been very active so far this semester because they are trying to deal with the changes within the organization.

They are adjusting to a new president and are in the process of looking for a new sponsor and members. Thompson wants everyone to know that there will be an application process for new members and that they will keep students updated with the progress in the *Sauce*.

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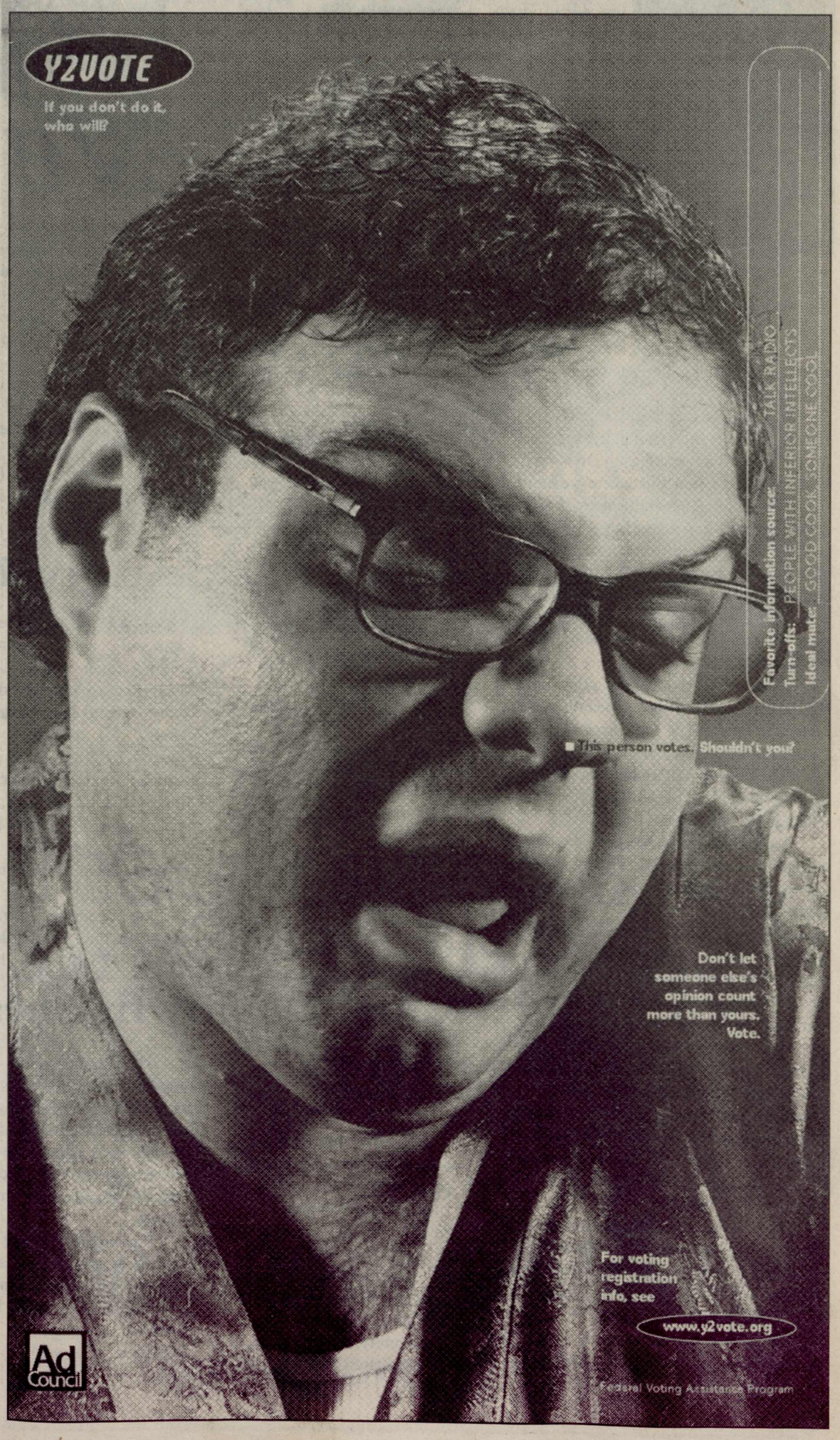
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Sports

Assistant AD Gulbrand takes job at Michigan

Assistant AD leaves on Oct. 7

By Stephanie Elliot
Sauce Reporter

The University of Michigan will be the new home of Assistant Athletic Director for Development Kurt Gulbrand, who will become the new director of major gifts from the West Coast to the University of Michigan

"I was contacted in Orlando, they heard about me, and I heard about them." Gulbrand said, "The opportunities out there are amazing, and I will be closer to my family"

Gulbrand will leave for Michigan will be October 7th, where he will continue working in the development of an athletic department. He came to NSU in August of 1997 after serving as a Marketing and Promotions assistant at Southwest Texas State University. He then took a stint at the University of Massachusetts where he was the development assistant for annual benefits and special events as well as coordinating special event programs in association with the UMass athletic fund. Gulbrand was also the assistant to corporate sponsorships and marketing programs.

"The opportunities out there are amazing, and I will be closer to my family"

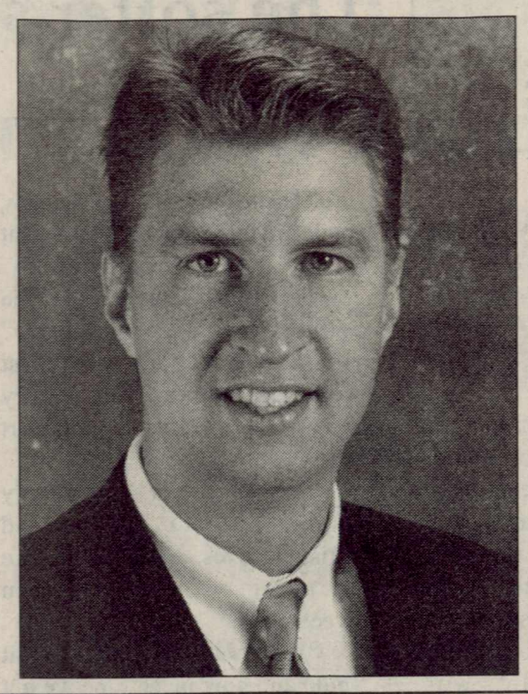
-Kurt Gulbrand

Commenting on his new position

Gulbrand's departure comes at a time when NSU maybe losing the head of the Athletics Department as well. NSU Athletics Director Greg Burke is in line for the Athletic Director position at the University of Akron.

At press time, Burke was undergoing his second interview with officials at Akron.

A decision should be made with Burke and the University of Akron by the end of this month.



Kurt Gulbrand resigned his post as the Assistant Athletics Director to take a new job at the University of Michigan. Gulbrand is leaving at the same time Athletic Director Greg Burke is being consider for the Akron AD job.

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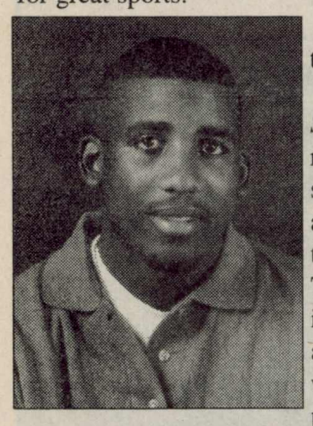
Who has the 182nd best fans in the U.S.? Natchitoches does

We've got spirit, yes we do!

No, seriou - we've got spirit!

In fact, Na. itoches is so spirited and has so many rabid, die-hard NSU fans *The Sporting News* thinks we have the 182nd best fans in the entire nation.

This is a really good thing, because it proves what I've been saying about this town for the longest; this place is a hotbed for great sports.



Opinion
By Rondray Hill

At least on this side of Tioga. *The Sporting News'* report on the best sports cities uses a criteria that takes into account The actual teams in a particular city and their won won/loss records playoff berths, etc. Then, it takes into account the city itself, adding the sports atmosphere, fan knowledgeability, ticket availability and arena/stadium capacity.

St. Louis was the best sports city in the survey, but to be included in the survey at all, a city must have at least a Division I basketball team, which is where we enter.

Consider that Natchitoches scored the second highest ranking out of all of the cities within the Southland Conference, The only city ahead of us was Troy, AL, home of the future division I-A Troy State Trojans. If they have enough people to jump to I-A next year, then they definitly have more people in the stadiums than we do.

Demon fans should take a bow over this honor, because it gives Demon fans a chance to brag a little bit. Check out these facts from the report.

-The closest conference school to us is way down at No. 216 with, surprise, Thibadeux and Nicholls State.

-Lake Charles. McNeese State definitly outdraws NSU at home football games, the survey also takes into account fan behavior. Need I say more. No. 235.

-Nacogdoches,TX Can one college be jealous of another college. I don't know, you'll have to ask that *other* college. I guess not too many people are proud to be a Lumberjack. I know I wouldn't. No. 240.

-Shreveport, LA; Surely a big metropolitan city like Shreveport, with it's Shreveport Captains, Bombers, Mudbugs, Pirates, Stars, Crawdads, Southern Knights, Storm...wait a minute. Half those teams don't even exist an more. And I haven't seen too many people sporting Shreveport Captains caps. No. 224.

It also helps that a standing-room only crowd of 17, 526 saw the Demon football team beat a ranked Southern two weeks ago in the home opener. So all I have to say is keep up the good work people.

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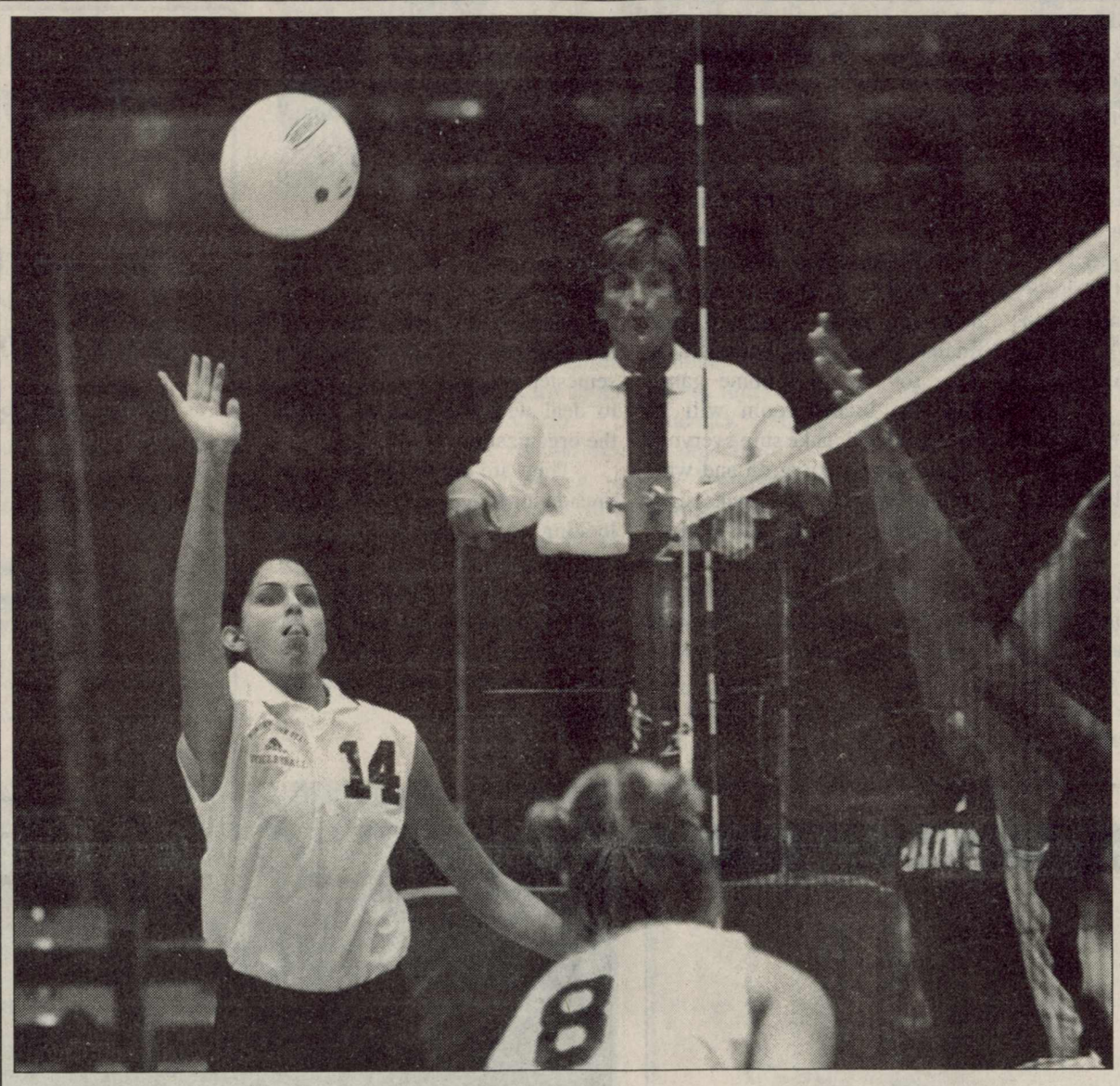


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THERE'S A NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN

On a volleyball team with only three seniors, someone has to make sure law and order prevail. That choice is Elizabeth Perez.

By Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

She hails from South Florida, and her attitude is about as fiery as the late-afternoon sun in Little Havana.

"Sometimes I get a little crazy out there," Elizabeth Perez understates. "So I start cussing in Spanish on the floor."

Perez's hot temper maybe one of the reasons why the Demon Volleyball team is off to to a solid start. The Demons (5-4, 1-0 SLC) are looking for leadership in all places, as only three seniors make up this young team.

That's where Perez enters the picture. She's played in 31 of the 32 games the Demons have played this season. She's the team leader in kills (108), kills per game (3.48) and digs (93).

I've tried to be more of an all-around layer," Perez says. "For me, it used to be all about hitting, but now it's important for me to work on my blocking and digging."

"She's really stepped up her play from last year, both offensively and defensively," head coach James Onikeku said. "I think last year was a learning experince for her because everyone was new. But I think this year will be different."

As for for her competitiveness, Perez said that she can't play at her level without getting excited.

Even if it means dropping a few four-letter bombs *en español.*

" I don't think I get upset, just very emotional," Perez said. " If I keep my emotions in, I feel weighted down."

"She's really competitive. Sometimes I see her get so mad on the floor because she's so fired up," Onikeku said.

" As a coach, that's what I want to see from my senior players. You want someone to lead the younger players, and Elizabeth does that."

Perez has expectations for the team that exceed simply winning. She said that she would like to see the day when the volleyball team draw lots more fans than they do now.

" My goal when I got here was to make volleyball at this school enjoyable for the fans who watch us," Perez said.

Volleyball kicks off conference play on the right foot, beats SLU

By Leslie Westbrook
Sauce Reporter

The NSU Demons claimed a 3-2 victory over the SLU Lady Lions Tuesday night in Hammond. The game marked the Southland Conference opener for both teams.

NSU senior April George hit a match-best .515 avg. while nailing down 19 kills and four blocks. George brought in the necessary kills to break a 13-all tie in the fifth game and conclude the match. Trading setter duties, senior Missy Krause and freshman Cathy Herring each posted 26 assists. Other key players in Tuesday's game included sophomore Christina Stone (19 kills, 19 digs, .212 avg.), senior Elizabeth Perez (15 kills, 16 digs) and freshman Dyanna Dubois (10 kills, 15 digs).

The Demons heralded victory in the 2:20 battle 15-13, 10-15, 15-6, 14-16, 15-13. NSU has claimed the win in four of their last six matches.

The SLU Lions' (0-4) junior Mandy Withrow (.236 avg.) offered 27 kills, but the Lady Lions still left the Demons on top by underhitting NSU 180 to .199.

Northwestern will continue conference action this weekend, hosting Lamar Friday at 7pm and on Sunday at 4pm against Mcneese State University in Prather Coliseum.

This week in Demon Volleyball

- Sept. 15 @ home vs. Lamar 7:00
- Sept. 16 @home vs. McNeese 4:00
- Sept. 19 @ Louisiana-Monroe 7:00

All NSU home games are free to students with valid ID

Cross Country finishes third at Louisiana-Monroe Invitational

By Mindy Mixon
Sauce Reporter

Northwestern's cross-country teams picked up third place at the Louisiana-Monroe Indian Cross-Country Invitational that was held last Friday.

Seven colleges from around the area attended, including Meridian Community College and Alcorn State University.

The Demons were breathing down the neck of Louisiana-Monroe, being just six points shy of capturing second place and a mere eight points from the first place finisher, Meridian Community College.

The race for second place was also close for the Lady Demons who were defeated by Alcorn State University by five points. University of Louisiana, however, annihilated the competition, winning the race by thirty-one points.

Emerging leaders for the Demons appear to be Noah Murger and Jonah Chelimo who are transfers from University of Alabama. Both finished strong last weekend, securing the second and third place spot in the men's 6,000-Yard Run.

For the Lady Demons, Crystal Munsinger and Christy Starke took home a respectable sixth and seventh place.

Other highlights from the match were senior Dannon O'Kelly and freshmen Lacy Fletcher, who competed well to capture the tenth place positions in their bracket.

The Demon Cross Country team will compete in the Louisiana Tech Invitational in Ruston on Saturday, September 16.

Cross Country Results

Demon Men's Results

-Noah Murger, 2nd Place 21:20.8
- Jonah Chelimo, 3rd Place 21:35.8

Demon Women's Results

- Crystal Munsiger, 6th place 12:50.2
- Christy Starke, 7th place 12:51.6

This week in the Southland conference

No. 20 Sam Houston State Bearkats at No. 19 Western Illinois Leathernecks Hanson Field (15,000) Macomb, Ill. · 1:00 p.m.

Sam Houston State moved into the national rankings last week for the first time since the 1994 season. The Bearkats jumped in at No. 24 after a win over NCAA I-A Louisiana-Lafayette and moved up to No. 20 this week. Western Illinois is a member of the NCAA I-AA Gateway Conference. Three of the four previous games between SHSU and WIU have been decided by five points or less, with one of those being a 21-21 tie.

Alabama State Hornets at No. 1 Troy State Trojans Scrushy Field (17,500) Troy, Ala. · 6:00 p.m.

After defeating No. 4 Appalachian State on the road last week, Troy State hopes to avoid a letdown this week in its home opener. Coming off a 31-24 win over I-A Cincinnati in its season opener, Troy State avoided a letdown last season when it dumped Alabama State, 27-20, in week two. The Trojans overcame a 13-10 halftime deficit and led 27-13 before ASU scored late to cut the final margin to seven. Quarterback Brock Nutter passed for 207 yards and a touchdown for TSU. The Hornets were able to muster 326 yards total offense, but had just 88 on the ground.

Nicholls State Colonels at Louisiana-Monroe Indians Malone Stadium (30,427) Monroe, La. · 6:00 p.m.

Louisiana-Monroe has won seven in a row in the series, dating back to the days when the Indians were a part of the Southland…Nicholls opened the 1999 season by taking an early 7-0 lead over ULM and led by that same score after one period before the Indians scored 27 unanswered for a 27-10 win…Nicholls had opened its last four seasons playing in Monroe…Nicholls quarterback Brad Smith ranks second in the Southland after two games with 235.5 yards of total offense per game

Southwest Missouri State Bears at McNeese State Cowboys Cowboy Stadium (17,410) Lake Charles, La. · 7:00 p.m.

McNeese leads the Southland in total offense after two weeks with 488 yards per game. The Cowboys are first in rushing offense with 249 yards a game and rank second in passing offense with a 239-yard average through two contests. McNeese ranks 11th nationally in total offense and is 20th in rushing. Jessie Burton is tied for seventh in the nation with 12 points scored per game this season.

Second half goals doom Demon soccer team; fall to Centenary 4-2

by Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

A pair of goals by Brittany Cargill were not enough for the Demon soccer team as the Centenary Ladies ripped off three goals in the second half en route to a 4-2 win in wednesday's non-conference tilt in Shreveport afternoon.

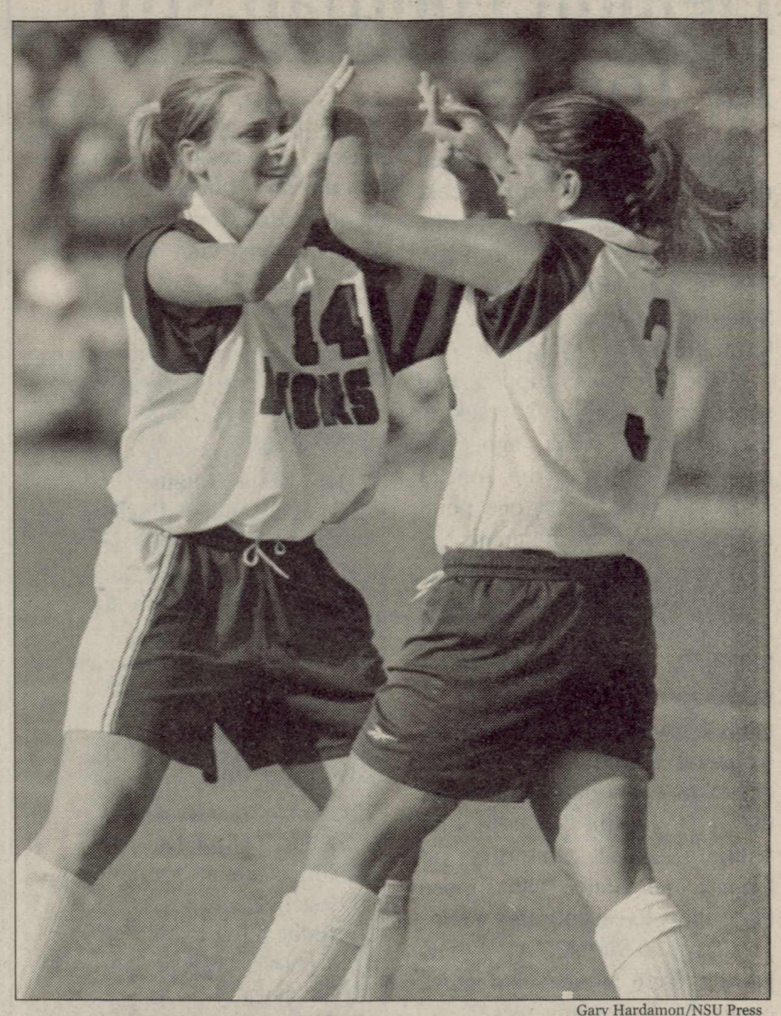
Centenary's (5-2) Lara Brown netted a hat trick, with all of her goals coming in the second half against Demon goalkeeper Monica Lovett. Brown, who now has six goals on the year, scored the goals in the 59th, 63rd and 84th minute of the game. Brown also added an assist to the first goal of the game scored by Lyndsay Bigler six minutes into the game.

Cargill, who has 11 goals this season, scored her first goal at 21 minutes in the first half, evening the score at 1-1. The score would remained tied until Brown's first goal in the second half.

Goalkeeper Tiffany Swingler played all of the first half before being replaced in the second half by Lovett. Swingler had three saves and gave up one goal.

The Demons outshot the Ladies 12-7, including nine shots on goal in the second half. Cargill's second goal came 13 seconds after Brown's last goal in the 84th minute.

Centenary goalkeeper Heather Lindsey played the entire game, allowing only two goals while saving five of the Demons' nine shots on goal.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Press

Brittany Cargill celebrates with Hillarie Marshall on the soccer field. But Cargill's two goals were not enough in the 4-2 loss at Centenary.

Baseball team hosting golf tournament

By Cooda Dobin
Sauce Reporter

The Northwestern State baseball team is having their 2nd Annual Golf tournament to be held at Northwestern Hills Golf Course.

Four-person teams will compete at two tee times, 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., in scramble format. Entry fee is $60 per player covering lunch, greens fee, a commemarative cap and a chance at the Foy Motors Shootout, with a hole-in-one on the par 3, 168-yard 10th hole to win a 2000 Buick Century automobile.

Prizes will be awarded to six different teams with competition in low gross and low net handicap divisions.,"This is a friend-making, good-time event." Demon baseball coach John Cohen said

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Despite the loss, Demon Football still in Top 25

Northwestern State remained nationally ranked this week, earning the No.22 spot in the Sports Network Division I-AA Top 25 poll despite a 19-7 loss Saturday night at Division I-A Central Florida.

The Demons slipped two spots from the No. 20 ranking they held a week ago, but remained solidly in the Top 25 with 344 points, just one point out of 21st and only 34 points shy of retaining the 20th position.

Northwestern (1-1), open this week, is one of four Southland Football league teams in the Top 25, headed by No. 1-ranked Troy State. The Trojans overtook defending national champion Georgia Southern for the top spot in the poll after winning 34-28 Saturday at Appalachian State, who slipped three spots to seventh this week.

Troy State(2-0) visits Northwestern in the conference opener for both teams Oct. 7.

Stephen F. Austin(2-0), which plays at Louisiana Tech Saturday, is ranked 17th in this week's I-AA Top 25. Another SFL member, Sam Houston (2-0), moved up four spots to 20th this week.

Sam Houston opened its season two weeks ago with a 21-14 win at Louisiana-Lafayette, the next foe for Northwestern. The Demons visit the Ragin' Cajuns Sept. 23.

Sports Network Top 25 Poll

1. **Troy State Trojans**
2. Georgia Southern Eagles
3. Massachusetts Minutemen
4. Hofstra Flying Dutchmen
5. Youngstown State Penguins
6. Florida A&M Rattlers
7. Appalachian State Mountaineers
8. Furman Paladins
9. Portland State Vikings
10. Montana Grizzlies
11. Delaware Blue Hens
12. Illinois State Redbirds
13. James Madison Dukes
14. North Carolina A&T Aggies
15. Eastern Kentucky Colonels
16. Northern Iowa Panthers
17. **Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks**
18. Villanova Wildcats
19. Western Illinois Leathernecks
20. **Sam Houston State Bearkats**
21. Tennessee State Tigers
22. **Northwestern State Demons**
23. Northern Arizona Lumberjacks
24. Leigh Mountain Hawks
25. Sacramento State Hornets

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Knight says he still wants to coach; Indiana officials say firing was correct

Coach goes public for the first time since his dismissal

Associated Press

The General has no intention of just fading away.

Bob Knight, fired after 29 years at Indiana, says he will coach again, and he'll do it the way he always has — his way.

``I've always felt I've got to be me, I can't be something that someone's trying to construct," he said Tuesday night in a live, sometimes contentious interview on ESPN. ``I try to be fair, try to be honest. My philosophy and approach to things is just different than some people and situations," Knight said.

Ousted for a pattern of ``unacceptable" behavior that violated a ``zero-tolerance" behavior policy, Knight admitted he was surprised by the school's decision. But he said perhaps it was time to move on anyway, and that he still wants to coach ``in the worst way."

``I thought I'd stay here till I was done coaching," Knight said. ``I haven't retired. I'm an unemployed teacher right now, and I'm looking for a place to teach. There are too many things that I have yet to explore about the game of basketball."

Knight said he thought about leaving Indiana at times, but his love of the basketball team was too strong. He had wanted the Hoosiers, who haven't advanced past the second round of the NCAA tournament since 1994, to become a powerhouse again.

``I kind of hung on to that thought for several years now, four or five years, and probably should've gone somewhere else," the 59-year-old Hall of Fame coach said. ``And there would be somebody that was a better fit for this administration and these people than I am. There's a place for me where there's a better fit for me as a basketball coach."

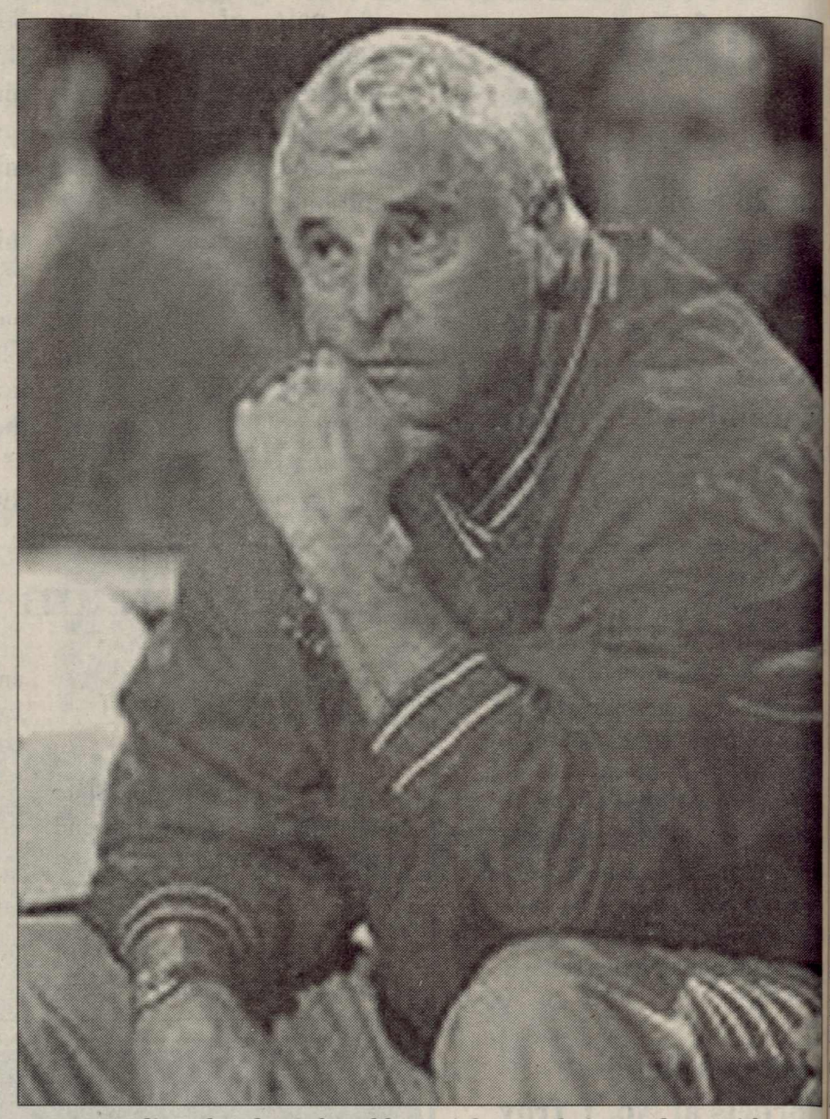
Knight repeated that he did nothing wrong when he grabbed freshman Kent Harvey by the arm last week to lecture him about manners after the student said, ``Hey, what's up, Knight?"

The coach also disputed some of the other reasons university president Myles Brand cited in firing him. Brand said Knight violated a zero-tolerance policy that had been in place since May. But Knight said he was never told exactly what ``zero-tolerance" meant, a claim university officials denied.

Knight said one episode cited by Brand, verbal abuse of a university lawyer, occurred during a meeting about the $30,000 fine levied against him by Brand in May. But Knight said he never used profanity and didn't raise his voice.

After the ESPN interview, university officials said they stood by Brand's earlier statements.

"His job was saved by this administration in May and they gave him another chance, a new lease on life," school trustee Stephen Backer said.



Former Indiana head coach Bobby Knight says he's not done with coaching.

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Opinions

Singer or Stripper?

By Elona A. Boggs
Opinions Columnist

It is the 2001 MTV Video Music Awards. Celebrities, along with screaming fans, have arrived in droves for the special night.

Carson Daly, one of the many hosts for the evening, is well groomed and dressed in Prada. After a live performance by Janet Jackson, he steps up to the podium to announce a brand new category for 2001.

Above the cries of fans, he introduces the category and its winner, "For Best Adult Entertainer...Britney Spears!"

In triumph, Britney receives her award wearing nothing more than nylons and pasties. If you did not see Britney Spears' performance on the 2000 MTV Video Music Awards, you will. Her sparse apparel has made headlines since its introduction Thursday night. That is when Spears performed live (well, sort of) for the MTV audience and thousands of television viewers. Spears proved that along with lip-syncing; she can also strip.

Spears entered the stage wearing a business suit, but left wearing pantyhose and a few pieces of sequins. As she came onto the stage, she belted out a cheesy rendition of the Stones' "Satisfaction."

After witnessing the performance, I am certain that a number of male viewers were indeed satisfied.

During Spears' act, the camera did not budge. If it had, I suspect that there would have been a number of idolizing young girls viewing this atrocity.

My 12-year-old sister owns every Britney Spears CD and poster there is, yet after she watched Spears' performance Thursday night, even she was disgusted.

"I don't think anyone will copy that outfit," she said.

My sister was referring to the "school-girl" clothes that became so popular after the release of "Baby, One More Time."

Initially, Britney Spears was marketed towards a teen audience, but despite her attempted transition into an adult audience, children are still listening. Unfortunately, they are also still watching.

Some musicians can stand alone on their music. Others have to put on a circus act to compensate for their absence of talent. Since Spears' music is somewhat lacking in quality and distinction, she must resort to these shameful measures in order to compete.

Realistically, if Spears had appeared on the show simply singing "Oops, I Did It Again," she would have been booed off the stage by Rage Against The Machine or Papa Roach.

It is, however, a sad fact that Spears had to conduct herself in such a manner to win the approval of fans. The incident reinforces the idea that talent is nothing without a pretty face.

In spite of this, I found the MTV Video Music Awards to be entertaining.

Seeing celebrities like Blink 182, U2 and The Rock was a treat. Next year, I would like to see a few of them in nylons and pasties.

The Human Mistake
Part One

God's little hood ornament
Opinion Columnist

I wasn't an accident, I don't think but a miscalculation. I was born the last child in a series of nine. I am the only sibling in my family to have the same mother and father. I entered this world weak with heart problems and a dangerously low birth weight.

When it was discovered that I was to be born, my family lived in a two-bedroom house in a tiny town in Louisiana. The house held 11 people including at least four future siblings who were well on their way to becoming drug addicts and an aunt who was found in New Orleans after deserting her job and walking around the streets nude, babbling to her self.

I am almost positive the addition of a brand new baby to the family was greeted with little more than the depressing realization that there would be another useless dependent. As I entered this world, I was little more than just another mouth to feed.

By the age of five I was on Ritalin. My earliest memories consist of family weeks at various drug rehabilitation centers. I went to the playpen of the children's unit while the rest of my family assured each other that things would be all better in a couple of weeks. Most of my family doesn't talk to they that are left alive now.

I was going to various counselors, psychologists, psychiatrists, palm readers or whomever my parents thought could condition me into being a proper productive member of society.

From age five to twelve, my life was a blur of prescribed speed and play therapy. The only events that seem to stand out were the times I spent hiding in the bathroom from my father, cutting my chest open with shards of glass from the mirror, broken for whatever reason I was emotionally unbound at that particular moment.

The first real memory that I can conjure through the haze of drugs and violence was in seventh grade. Upon receiving a failing grade on a biology test, I proceeded to stab myself repeatedly with a pencil in my left shoulder.

Once the class understood what was going on, I screamed something obscene and ran. I kept running until I was restrained by the principal and put directly into a car where I would be taken to my first stay in a mental institution.

Coming next week, I am strapped down to a bed. Later: my mother dies.

Vic the Demon, where are you?

As a rabid NSU Demon football fan, I was at the recent NSU-Southern matchup. I enjoyed watching the new Tony Taylor-driven offense chew up yards against the Jags. I enjoyed whooping and hollering each time our team reached the end zone. I enjoyed watching the Purple Swarm stuff the run repeatedly. What I did not enjoy was the performance that the Southern mascot put on at halftime.

After the Spirit of Northwestern finished yet another splendid halftime show, the Jaguar mascot went out onto our field and played up to the Southern fans. He shook his tail and danced around in a fashion reminiscent of the Southern Band (who did not make the trip). This gave the Southern Fans one of the few enjoyable moments of the game.

While I am in favor of showing guests hospitality, this overstepped the boundaries of being welcome in an opposing stadium. The first rule of mascots is to never take off the head of an opposing mascot. The second is that you should never "show up" a mascot in his own stadium.

Obviously, our Vic the Demon never heard this rule or was asleep during this part of mascot training. While the Jaguar pranced around as if he owned Turpin Stadium, our beloved Vic sat under the stadium sipping water, taking a nap, or some activity other than what he should have done-run out from under the stadium at full speed and tackle that cat *Waterboy* style.

Personally, I would never have allowed this to happen during my days as Vic the Demon. Three years ago, I was the last of the "big-headed" demon costume users. Many fans probably still remember the Colonel from Nicholls State getting pummeled by the ROTC cannon-loader when he got a bit too uppity during a game at Turpin Stadium. Some Demon road warriors might remember when I had to be pulled off the McNeese Cowboy despite the Demons being on the wrong side of a 42-7 score. These are the actions of a mascot who will never let down his school's players, alumni and fans.

Halftime began to wane and Vic was still nowhere to be found. A large group of other hard core Demon fans and myself began chanting "We want Vic! We want Vic!" Yet, the personification of our purple pride remained out of sight for the Jaguar to finish his dance, and we were left disoriented and bitter.

Vic mostly remained out of sight for the rest of the game, although we did see him cavorting with people outside the stadium's fence a few times. I wasn't the only one upset with Vic at the game. The fans who sat in my section during the game were complaining for most of the third quarter, and every few minutes someone would say that they still had not seen Vic. So I guess my question is "Vic, where were you when we needed you, buddy?"

A former Vic,
Niko Tesvich

Should I be held accountable?

One morning as I was driving from Campti to NSU, I was listening to a popular syndicated radio show. The topic of discussion was the fight which occurred at the Source Awards, a hip-hop music award show hosted by *Source* magazine each year.

The host's question of the morning was, "Should I, as an African-American, feel that society holds them personally accountable for the actions of other African-Americans simply because they are African-American.

That question struck me deep, and I found myself pondering the question. Before now, I had never given any thought as to why some people feel a sense of embarrassment when someone from my ethnic background "acts up." I'll admit, it took a minute or two for me to really decipher through everyone else's comments and arrive at my own opinion.

I am an African-American. I was born in California and raised in Louisiana. I fully understand that there are those out there who still believe that I need to be "put in my place" as an African-American. There are others who will judge me based on the actions of others that share my ethnic background.

Unfortunately, there are preconceived notions about most races, even though we do not like to admit to them. Not all Asian people are super smart. Not all Hispanic people living in the United States are illegal aliens. Not all African-Americans conduct themselves at social functions the way those individuals at the Source Awards behaved.

I am a young intelligent African-American student and anyone who knows me would say that I am much too sophisticated to act in such a manner.

However, I do not hold myself personally accountable for the actions of others within my race.

Because I still live in a society where the color of my skin sometimes overshadows the content of my character, I do feel a sense of pride whenever people such as Tiger Woods seem to "reinvent" the rules of standard by which their game is played.

However, I do not feel embarrassed by others within my race who choose to belittle themselves, not me, with their actions.

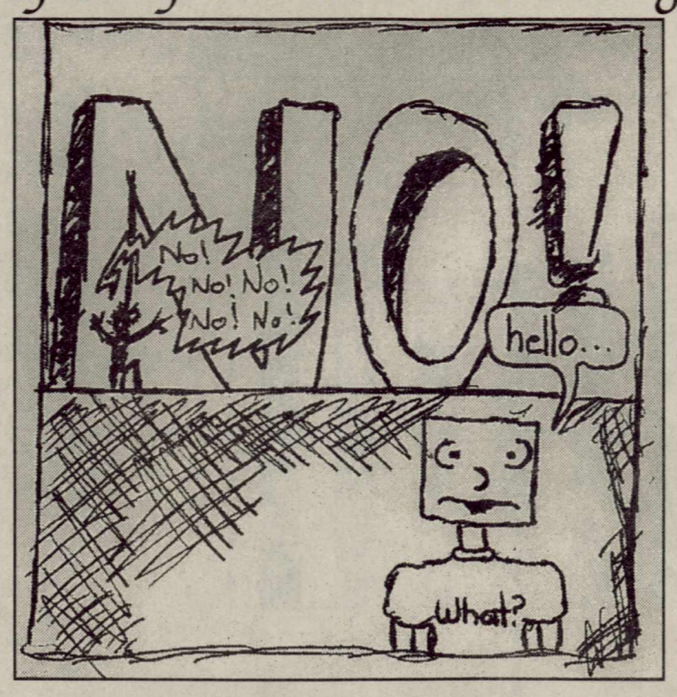
Our struggle has just begun in this world, regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation or creed. Although we have come this far, believe me, we still have much farther to go.

No one should feel as though they must justify the actions of another simply because he or she share one common denominator. It is a fact of this society in which we live that the actions of some African-Americans cause others to believe that all African-Americans are alike or that people in other races are all alike as well.

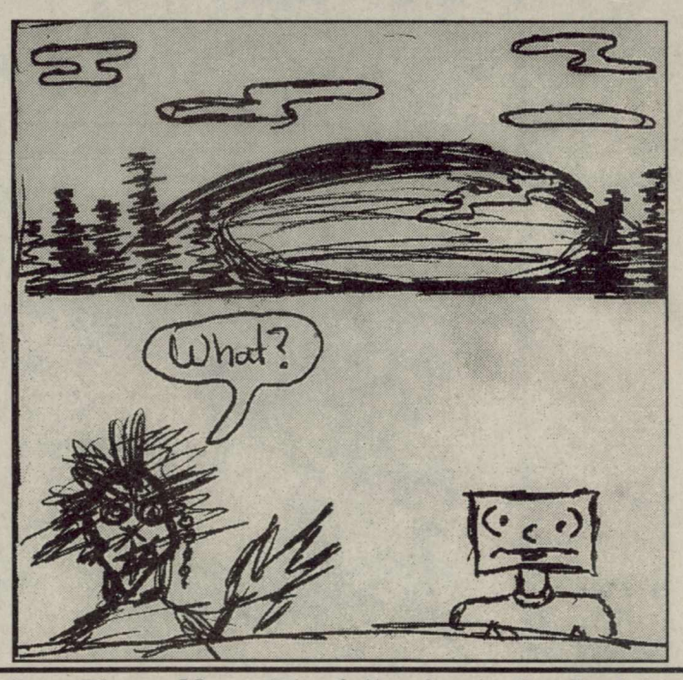
If we as a society are going to change this way of thinking, then we as a society have to start with our own way of thinking. Forget about what you've heard and begin to understand what you've learned. This is my challenge to you, NSU.

Personal Opinion,
Monique Scott

Uno Karma
By Tony Blanco and Matt Nagy







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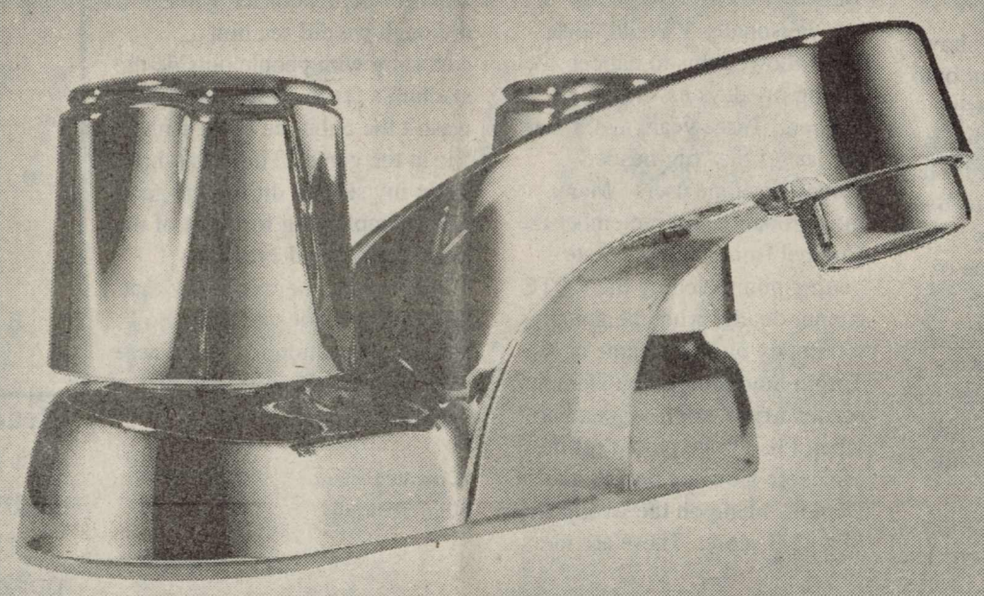
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New University enrollment record set

By Randall S. Frederick
Sauce Reporter

University enrollment this fall has broken all previous records as the University set a new record as 9,292 students signed up for classes, according to Registrar Lillie Frazier Bell.

That figure was from all four of the school's major campuses: Natchitoches, Shreveport, Leesville and Fort Polk. In 1995, enrollment was at it's highest with 9,040 enrolled students. The enrollment is also an increase from last year's 9,005 with an increase of 287 students.

The figure is attributed, in part, to freshmen from last semester who returned for this semester. In the fall of 1995, 62.4 percent of freshmen returned to continue their studies with Northwestern. This fall, 69 percent returned, more than any other college in the University of Louisiana System.

Also, the reason for the increase is due in part to the largest freshman class in school history and the school's increased retention rate for last year's freshmen.

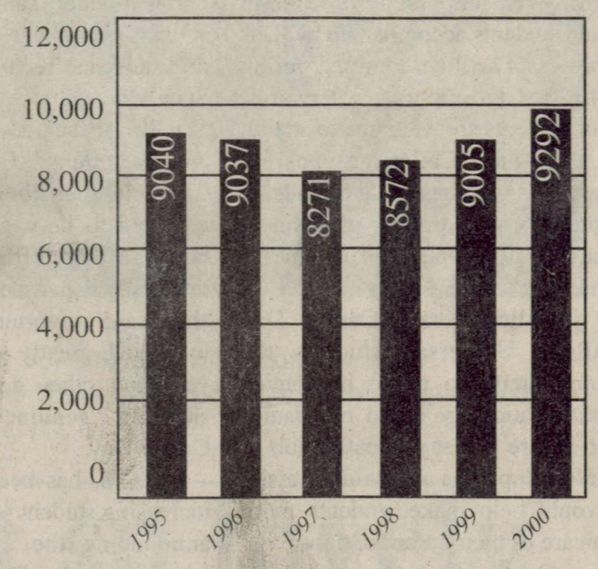
Another reason attributed to the increase is the program developed by the Office of Recruiting and Admissions.

Director Jana Lucky believes Northwestern is becoming more active in their recruiting and has implemented two new ways to increase enrollment for next year.

"We're trying to do private visits and go to all schools that will allow us," Lucky said. "We have even more of a road campaign this year than last year, and we're going to every school that will allow us in their doors to come and speak to show students what Northwestern has to offer. This year, we'll also start doing personalized e-mails to prospective students, reminding them of our school and when enrollment begins. We really plan to continue with the same plan as last year, except for those two new programs."

University President Randall J. Webb said the increase is an effect of the increase in school publicity, popularity, warmth and safety.

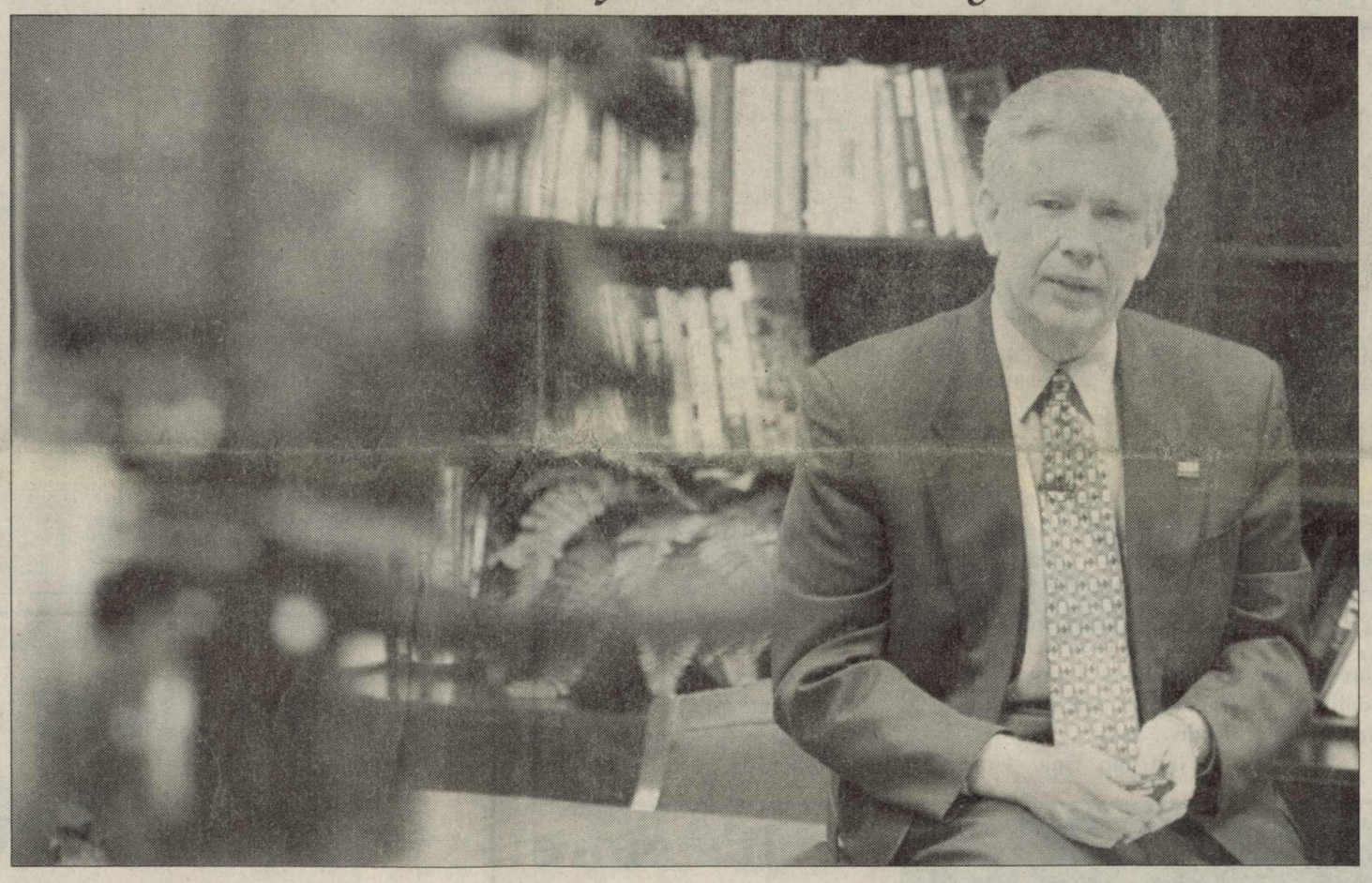
"Northwestern is becoming a more and more appealing place to go to school all the time," Webb said. "I believe that students are choosing and staying with us because of the people who work here. The people of Northwestern truly care about the students, and I think the students can feel that."



Enrollment for the Fall 2000 semester has set a new record. The mark of 9,292 students surpasses the old record of 9,040 set in the Fall of 1995.
source: NSU Press

A moment with the president

Goals for the new year



University President Randall J. Webb speaks candidly for the camera (top) in his on going television series titled "A moment with the President." Webb uses the series as a way to share his thoughts about all of the positive events that happen at the University. Webb also has time to spend with University students (bottom). President Webb believes that "Students Come First" and tries to always be available if they need help.

Randall Webb, university president, is a goal-oriented type of guy. Aside from a few minor differences, his primary goal is basically the same as ours: to get as much as possible from the University. As a result, Webb is always searching for new ways to improve the University. He hopes this year's University goals will do just that.

Webb has set four "high priority" University goals for this year.

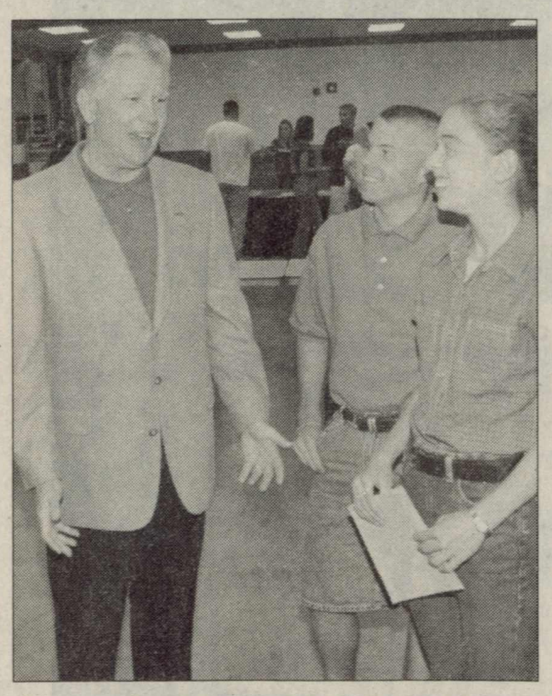
Academic excellence tops his list.

The University is seeking national recognition through accreditation of all eligible programs.

"We're now at 94 percent," Webb said. "By this time next year, we should be at 100 percent and, possibly, might be the first university in Louisiana to achieve that distinction."

The Department of Industrial and Engineering Technology is the only department left to receive accreditation. Webb is confident that the Electronic Technology Associate Degree and Electronic Technology Bachelor Degree programs will receive accreditation by next year. Reviews will be conducted for

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STORY BY STEPHANIE DANBY, PHOTOGRAPHY BY COURTNEY PAYNE

Student jobs slashed by 200 at University

By Joni Naquin
Sauce Reporter

The unemployment rate at the University has risen this year due to the loss of two hundred federal student jobs. Many students were found without a job when they came back in this fall.

"It's [the loss of jobs] more this year than I've seen in the last couple of years," Shirley Scott, coordinator of student employment, said.

"There has always been a few federal jobs not reassigned each year, and this year it has been a lot," Scott added.

The federal work study jobs are based on financial need. There is a limit to the amount of money or jobs the University can award to students on financial aid. Financial aid is based on need and this limits the amount of money students can receive. If the federal government decides to cut the funding for those jobs, some students may not be eligible to receive the jobs they once had.

This cutback only affects those students who have federal work study jobs, not the students who are awarded a job under a university scholarship. The students who work in residence halls and computer labs, which are subsidized from technology fees, were able to keep their jobs.

"I was ensured my job last spring by my department before I left for the summer," Erin Carrigee, sophomore said. "I found out two weeks after I have moved back that I didn't have a job I was counting on for money. I still don't know what to do."

"For these people, the jobs are awards based on requirements just like the scholarship jobs are," Scott said. "The only difference is that these jobs are based on financial need rather than grades. Some students that lost their job just had no more need for the award according to the federal government."

For Carrigee, it wasn't the loss of her job that angered her, but instead, it was not being informed about the change.

"No one contacted me over the summer at all," Carrigee said. "I didn't get any phone call, letter or any kind of notification. The least they could have done was told me I didn't have a job."

Carrigee feels she deserved to be notified so that

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University officials hoping for large turnout at Career Day

By Raymond Williams
Sauce Reporter

The office of Career and Counseling Services hopes for a large turnout for Career Day.

Career Day will take place on Sept. 26 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. However, only seniors, alumni and students accompanied by their professor will be admitted during the first two hours. Afterwards, all students are welcome to attend.

Paula Callender, career services assistant, said students should come dressed in business casual attire and with resume in hand.

Calleder said Career Day allows University students the opportunity to come in contact with nationally based companies to secure a post graduation job or internship. She also said the event would help make students more aware of their career options.

Over 50 companies and graduate schools will be present. Some of these include Coca-Cola Bottling, Wells Fargo, JC Penny and Cox Communication.

Callender said the number of companies participating is down from last year because of low student turn out in the past.

Callender said that NSU's student turn out is the lowest out of Louisiana Tech and McNeese State University.

"It's disheartening to our staff and recruiters," Callender said. Callender attributes the low numbers to poor communication between her office and other university departments. However, she said communication has improved greatly over the past year and other departments are showing genuine interest in Career Day.

C.C.S. has been working on increasing student participation by announcing the event on area television and radio stations.



File Photo
Career Day is a chance for University students to mingle with potential employers. This year there are 48 businesses that will attend the event. Some of these businesses include Coca-Cola, JC Penny and Piccadilly.

"I definitely want feedback from everyone on campus," Callender said.

Callender said those who are not seniors could still benefit from attending Career Day. She said their participation would acclimate them to the business world and help them establish contacts for the future.

"I think this is a worthwhile event," Callender said.

In the end she stressed the importance of student attendance.

"Students need to come, come, come," Callender said.

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she could have had the time before school started to look and apply for another a job off campus.

"If you don't have an off campus job before school starts, it's too hard to find one when everyone else is looking for a job," she said. " If I would have known, I would have been looking over the summer for one."

According to Scott, the financial aid documents notifying students on whether or not they have received financial aid should have specified if a students was awarded their job.

"Basically it's a financial aid problem and not a student employment problem," Scott said. "I don't give or take away jobs. I just handle the paperwork, time sheets, etc."

Students still have hope for a job if they still need one. The Job Location and Development Office can assist students in finding jobs.

Scott also said that after the first payroll run, there may be a few available jobs. She said if funds are available some jobs may become available.

"We were holding back in the beginning to make sure we didn't over award," Scott said. "We will be notifying students of the possibility if new jobs arise."

WEBB: President sets goals for University

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University programs without national accrediting associations.

The second University goal addresses the effective use of technology to increase student access through electronic instruction and service delivery.

"We are creating what we call 'E - NSU'," Webb said. "It is the electronic university within Northwestern; whereby, we will offer programs totally through electronics along with the services to support those programs."

Webb said 75 University courses are being delivered electronically to students this semester.

"We feel that in order to serve our students most effectively," Webb said. "We've got to be in the position to serve them with the most up to date, state of the art technological advances."

Creating and maintaining a student centered environment is the third University goal. Webb wants an environment that gives parents and students an overall positive perception of the University.

"In many respects, that's what we're all about," Webb said. "Students are glad to attend here, stay here and graduate as satisfied alumni of Northwestern."

And the final University goal for this year is to implement an enrollment management plan.

University figures for Fall 2000 show the largest freshman class and overall enrollment in Northwestern's history.

"We seek stable enrollment at the University," Webb said. "Last year, we had the highest retention rate in our history, and we're looking forward to getting comparable results for this year."

The enrollment management plan is still under development.

Not only is the University setting new goals, they're also maintaining the old ones.

Last year, the national accreditation programs increased from 89 percent to 94 percent with the addition of the National Accreditation of Schools of Art and Design. The University also implemented Campus Pipeline to provide students with electronic services.

"We're working hard for our students," Webb said. "Our goal is to provide our students with the best quality of student life on campus that they can find. We're keeping focus of that."



It's more than a rack

The Current Sauce wants the students of Northwestern to check out the new paper dispensers located in the Student Union and in Iberville Dining Hall. The racks are from Cass Communications and they feature a state of the art message board that is capable of receiving up to the minute news and sports from around the world via satellite. But don't worry, it doesn't transmit harmful radioactive waves. (We think)

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Residents of Boozman welcome new computer lab

By Brittany Littlejohn
Sauce Reporter

The Boozman computer lab had its grand opening August 31, and the lab became the newest and most updated lab on campus. It has actually been available to the students since August 21, but August 31 was its official opening date.

This latest addition brought the total number of computer labs to 25. This number includes two labs in Kyser, two in Watson, one in the Student Union and one in Health and Human Resources. There are five dorm labs, one each in Sabine, Varnado, Rapides and Boozman. The rest of the labs are within campus departments, and five off campus labs in Shreveport, Alexandria, Ft. Polk and Jonesville.

Student technology fees funded each lab.

"Each student pays $5 per credit hour not to exceed $100," Jennifer Long, student technology support specialist/coordinator, said.

The fee covers maintenance, operating costs and general upkeep of the computers. Within the next month, Long hopes to update all the labs to Microsoft Office 2000. Boozman already uses 2000, but the rest of the labs still use the 97 version.

"STAT (Student Technology Advisory Team), comprised of SGA President David Gunn; Treasurer, John Michael McConnell and five other students, along with four university administrators, decides what funds go to particular projects," Long said. "We prepare a budget on where we would like to see the money allocated. STAT approves or disapproves."

Department labs provide their own upkeep.

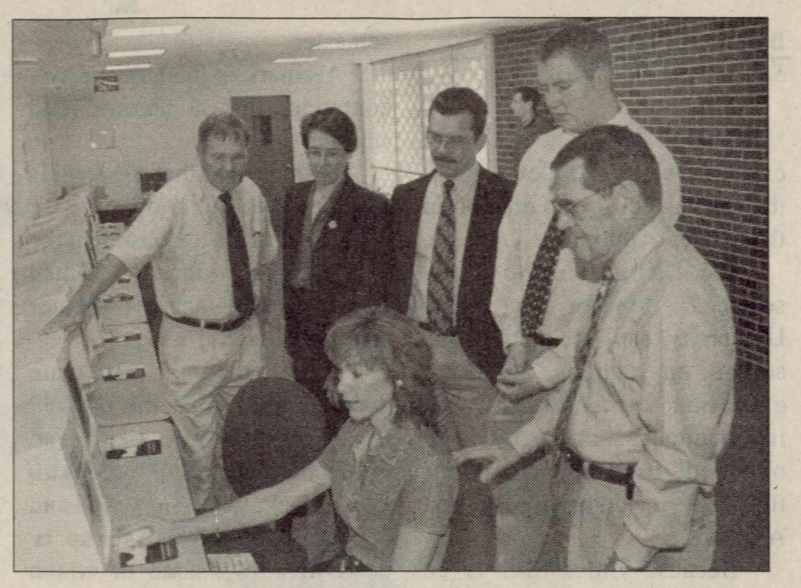
The labs are open from 7:00 or 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and the dorm labs from 8:00 or 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Long hopes to make a late night lab in Health and Human Resources; however, the technology fees currently support the maximum amount of workers who can only work a specific number of hours. Only 25 percent of the total fees go towards workers and salaries.

Currently, the University has no plans to open anymore labs. Long term plans are focused on other things, such as updating the computers, installing a fax machine in the Student Union for student use only and adding a presentation station to each department. The station includes a computer, projector, document camera and VCR.

"We are hoping students will use this in class projects," Long said.

For now though, she appreciates the completion of the Boozman lab.

"It's a very nice, nice lab," she said. "I think it's the best on campus and the students should be very proud."



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NSU Computer Specialist Jennifer Long (seated) demonstrates to University officials the new computers in Boozman Hall.

Campus Connections

NSU CLUB SOCCER

The NSU Club Soccer team is looking for new members.The first informational meeting will be held behind Watson Library. Everyone is welcome. Any questions, call Cesar Esguitt, at 354-6483.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

The SGA would like to tell all students about a few of the programs they are undertaking this school year. Don't forget to pick up your free scantrons, every Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 222 of the Student Union. You will need a student I.D. to take advantage. Also, check out the Book Swap Board while you are there and see if someone has a book you need at a cheaper rate.

KAPPA SIGMA

Kappa Sigma is excited to announce our famous "Male Sale" this Tuesday September, 26 at 9p.m. at the Kappa Sigma house. Admission to the "Male Sale" is by invitation only, so to participate ask any member for your invitation.

WATSON LIBRARY

The staff of Watson Library would like the students of NSU to know about a new service that could help them in their educational growth. For more information, check with the circulation department.

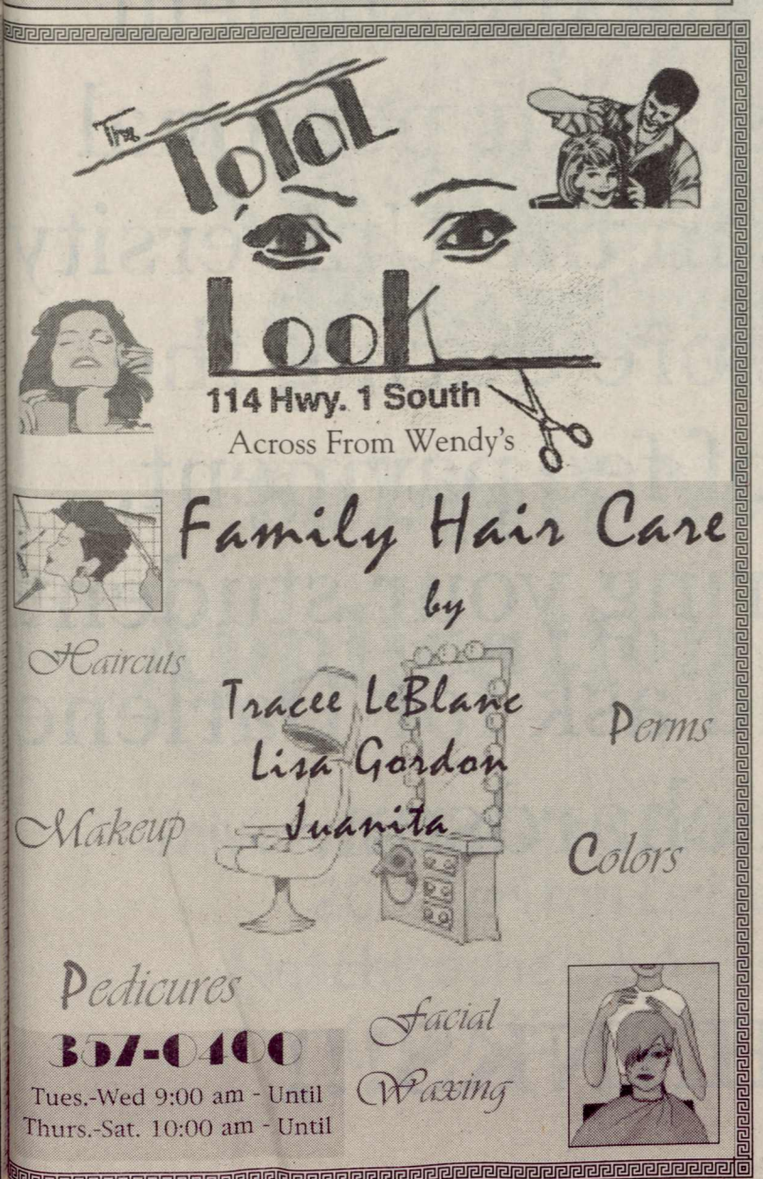
WESLEY WESTMINISTER FOUNDATION

Students can have lunch at the Wesley Westminister Foundation (between Magee's and The Ink Spot) on Tuesday from 11:30 until 1:00. The first visit is free and $1 each time thereafter. Worship services are held from 6:30-7:30 pm each Wednesday.

The Wesley Westminister Foundation is looking for English tutors to help fellow students. The position pays $6 per hour and is part time. Apply at the Wesley Westminister Foundation. Call Ellis Newman for information: 352-2888.

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Native American Student Association will have its first meeting of the semester on September 26, 2000 at 3:00 pm in room 214, (the archaeology lab) in Kyser Hall. If you are interested in Native American history and culture, we are inviting you to come be a member of our group. For more information, contact Dr. Hiram P. Gregory at 357-4364 or Rhonda Gauthier at 357-4328.



Love bugs are not so lovely



Courtney Payne/Current Sauce
"Love Bugs" are a nuisance to many motorists. If a vehicle is left uncleaned after contact with the bugs, the paint on the car may become permanently damaged. There are a few things that can be done to protect the car's paint job. Look to the following story for tips and advice on avoiding these problems.

By Jessica Trahan
Sauce Reporter

They are called lovebugs, but when you have to scrape them off of your windshield and the front end of your car, it is not love that you are feeling.

Everyone knows the aggravating black flies with red thoraxes that get in the way as lovebugs, but come to find out they are members of the family Bibionidae and are really known as March Flies.

The bugs/flies are natives of Florida, but now they are recent invaders from the west.

Southern Louisiana experienced huge flights during the 1920's. Later on, Florida received their first presence in 1947 from Escambia County.

Since that time, lovebugs have moved progressively southward. Soon after that, the March flies have been reported in the north from Georgia and Charleston, South Carolina.

They have two flights of lovebugs that occur each year. The spring flight occurs during late April and May. The second flight takes place during late August and September. The flight extends over a period of four to five weeks.

The sizes of these bugs are relatively small. The males are 1/4 inch, and the females are 1/3 inch in length. Mating takes place almost immediately after emergence of the females.

In one flight, lovebugs lay from over 100 to 350 eggs, which are deposited just beneath decaying vegetation.

Adult March flies are harmless and do not sting or bite. they feed on the nectar of various plants, especially sweet clover, goldenrod and brazilian pepper. They even enjoy fresh paint at new construction sites, which makes it unbearable for the workers to get anything done.

Usually their flights are restricted to daylight hours and temperatures above 68 degrees fahrenheit. At night, lovebugs rest on low growing vegetation.

Lovebugs are an aggravation to some motorists. They fly in unbelievable numbers and splatter their guts on both windshields and grills of vehicles. Windshields become covered with the remains, and vision is then obscured.

The flies clog radiation fins causing cars to overheat. They also get into refrigeration equipment on trucks causing them to malfunction. The flies can also cause your paint job to be permanently damaged, that is if you do not remove them right away.

Keep this in mind

- travel at night if at all possible, lovebugs do not become active until 10:00 a.m.
-travel at a lower speed will reduce the number of bugs.
-place a large screen in front of the grill or place a small screen behind the grill in front of the radiator.
-waxing your car will lessen the damage from the bugs
-some motorists spread a LIGHT film of baby oil over the front of the hood, above the windshield, and on the grill and bumper. This will loosen the bugs off smoothly.
-1/2 cup baking soda, 2 gallons of water, and then spray mixture EVERY night and then follow with a spray from the garden hose.
-many car washes also offer "Bug Guard", it is a very good solution, but the only problem is is that it needs to be reapplied every time that your car gets wet.
-it is also helpful on your vision, if you put a teaspoon to a tablespoon of Dawn Dishwashing Liquid into your windshield washing fluid.

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Students question Aramark price hike

By Cooda Dobin
Sauce Reporter

There have been some concerns among students about the increase in prices of food in the Student Union.

Joe Tillman ,the food service director at the University, said all of the food served on campus, with the exception of Chick-fil-a, an independent company, is obtained from Sysco Foods through a company called Aramark.

Because Chick-fil-a is an independent company it has the right to raise prices at their own discretion, they in fact insisted on a price increase in February 1999. By contractual obligations, these increased prices could not go into effect until the beginning of the next semester.

Aramark is the University's contracted link to national food suppliers.

Tillman said that the food is "the best quality in town!"

"The prices are based on the cost of the product," Tilman said. "There has been no major price increase."

The prices fluctuate depending on what the product is. For example, meat and produce could go up and down every week; whereas, boxed and canned goods would go up or down monthly, none of which would effect what students pay.

According to Tillman, prices on the most popular items have been lowered.

The chef, Eric Boudreaux, said the prices were lowered on fried chicken, shrimp creole, and crawfish etoufe.

"These savings have been passed right down to the students," Tilman said. "When I first came here, I thought the prices on the cash side were pretty high, but on the board side, the prices are the lowest in the state," he added.

Emily Huey, a student who lives on campus, points out that there is a huge difference in prices of pizza on campus and of pizza sold by the local pizza restaurants. For example, a large one topping pizza delivered to your dorm from Dominoes is $4.99, Pizza Hut $6.99 and Pizza Inn $7.99 while on campus it is $12.99.

Another item of price concern are the sub sandwiches being sold at $3.99 to $4.99 each.

"That is way too expensive," Ki Cosia, junior said.

Diamond Cosby, a freshmen who lives on campus, says that the prices are outrageous.

"It is not a big variety of food to choose from in the Union, and for everything to be sold separately, I think the prices are shocking." Tweety Evans, senior said.

Anna Means, a junior who lives on campus, says that there isn't enough food for the price.

On another note, Angela Davidson,"I have a $285 meal plan, and the prices are flexible in that my balance does not inflate fast."

With these statements and facts in mind it is up to the buyer to decide whether or not the Student Union is good for your money.



Virginia Dixon/Current Sauce
Prices at Aramark have increased this semester and it has left some students asking "why?" University officials site that only Chick-Fil-A has increased in price.

Four weeks grades help students with their "options"

By Bess Renfrow
Sauce Reporter

As the fall semester progresses, the first jolt of reality, fourth week grades, will soon hit.

"We notify students early in order to let them know their options," Kristi Anderson, coordinator of academic advising, said.

Fourth week grades are just one part of the Early Warning System devised by the University. This is a system designed with freshmen in mind. Using the indicators of the Early Warning System, the Office of Academic Advising determines which route is best for which student. The student is then advised of the different choices available.

Fourth week grades were implemented in the fall of 1998 and are only taken for the fall and spring semesters. Although it adds an extra burden on the teachers, the system has seen one hundred percent participation from Northwestern faculty.

Teachers are asked to give a test or activity that will result in a significant grade for that class. The Office of Academic Advising then sends each student their grade and some helpful advice.

These grades also serve as a comparison with the mid-term grades. The Office of Academic Advising asks that students not come there for grades, but wait to receive them in the mail. The grades are sent to the students' permanent address and will be in around the second week of October.

ROTC cadet earns Demon Battalion's highest score

By Monica Mitchell
Contributing Writer

Of the 12 cadets/students Northwestern State University sent to ROTC Advance Camp this summer, Psychology major and Military Science minor, Alex C. Sanders earned Demon Battalion's highest score: 950 out of 1000.

Sanders attended the eighth regiment of camp which placed him in Fort Lewis, WA on June 28 until August 3rd, 2000. Along with other cadets hailing from all over the United States, Cadet Sanders took part in an intensive 35 day program which tested their leadership skills and physical fitness daily.

"My prior military experience and additional physical fitness training helped to make Advanced Camp a success," Sanders said.

Additional training consisted of running eight miles a day, countless numbers of push-ups and sit-ups every day, and studying FM 7-8.

"This enabled me to score 285 out of 300 points (180 being the minimum) on the Army Physical Fitness Test, and earn above average scores on events such as Land Navigation, Squad STX, Platoon STX, and the Field Leadership Reactionary Course," he said.

Sanders is not only the top scoring Advanced Camp cadet of the NSU Battalion, but also earned the highest score in his platoon and ranked eighth in his regiment. He went on to say that "passing Advanced Camp was a major goal and an important stepping stone in becoming a future officer in the United States Army. Advanced Camp aided me in my ability to make competent decisions under stressful conditions."

Walt Disney College Program recruiter to visit Northwestern

By Michelle Raiford
Sauce Reporter

The average college student spends the semester going to classes, writing papers and spend countless hours working in a dull job. A relatively new program to the University could change all of that.

Working with the Walt Disney College Program would put a student at Walt Disney World, where they are not just an employee but a cast member.

By becoming a Walt Disney cast member, students are able to work in a variety of areas, such as park greeter or merchandise.

Ryan Slaughter, a campus representative for the Disney College Program, believes the program is not only a fun experience for students but also help them broaden their horizons to other people and cultures.

"I was able to meet students and cast members from Germany, France, and Brazil," Slaughter said. "Meeting people from different cultures allows you to broaden your cultural horizons and appreciate the uniqueness, creativity, and diversity that people can offer."

Students can also attend centers of excellence, which have self-paced tutorials, and can attend seminars or presentations, such as a speaker's forum with Greg Emmer, vice president of the Magic Kingdom.

Interest in the program has increased over the past few years.

Disney has such a broad range, covering areas in broadcasting, publishing, and entertainment. "Students have had such a rewarding experience that much interest is spread by word of mouth from alumni cast members," Slaughter said.

Students earn college credit for participating in the program. "The program's educational component allowed me to discover new interests, gain insight into a fun and professional work atmosphere, and it also allowed me to further utilize the skills and knowledge that I already possessed," says Slaughter.

If anyone is interested in joining the Walt Disney World College Program, there will be a Disney recruiter on campus October 2 at 5:00 p.m. in Russell Hall, room 107.

Heat stretches budget thin

By Bess Renfrow
Sauce Reporter

Contrary to the relatively cool weather of the past few days, this summer has been the hottest on record. No one knows this more than Loran Lindsey, director of the physical power plant for Northwestern.

Among Lindsey's numerous responsibilities is that of preparing a budget for the cost of the cooling and heating for all buildings on campus. The budget must be prepared a year ahead of time, with all expected problems in it.

"You're sitting here trying to gaze into a crystal ball and predict a budget," Lindsey said.

With the heat of the past years, the budget has been stretched to the max just covering the regular cost and repairs. However, Lindsey has gotten the extra money he has been fighting for this year.

With this Deferred Maintenance Fund from the governor, Mr. Lindsey plans on building a new West Campus Chill Water Loop System. He also plans to purchase new piping, pumps, and two large chillers.

Another important area effected by the heat is our athletics. With the start of football season, the heat is one of the main issues.

Ambulance R.N. John Johnson was on duty at the Northwestern vs. Southern game.

"About six or seven people had to be administered to for heat exhaustion at the football game, all of them were spectators," Johnson said.

There are three stages of heat induced illness: heat exhaustion, heat cramps, and heat stroke. Heat exhaustion is the mildest and can be treated by just cooling the body down, while administering fluids. Heat cramps is when the muscles in the body began cramping and knotting. While this is a step up from heat exhaustion, the treatment is still pretty much the same. Heat stroke, however, is very dangerous and can cause death.

Heat stroke is characterized by lack of sweat. This happens when your body has lost all moisture and there is nothing left to sweat. With heat stroke, the patient must be hospitalized. The main thing to remember about heat safety is drink lots of clear fluids and take frequent breaks.

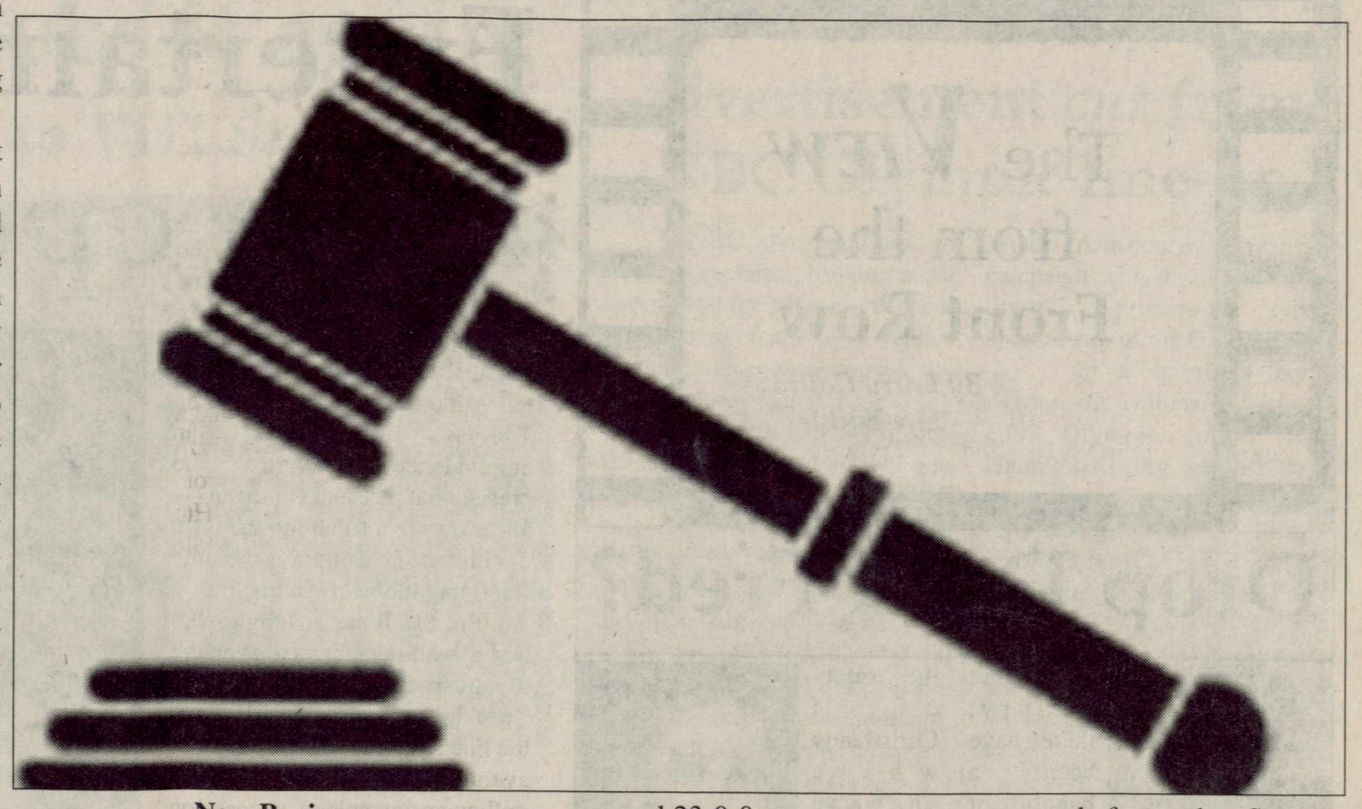
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SGA Senate Minutes for 9/18/2000



Student Government Association Meeting 9/18/00

Roll call

Present:
David Gunn
Rusty Broussard
John-Michael McConnell
Vanessa Byrd
Andrew Davies
Amanda Barrios
Frank Toro
Dustin Floyd
Wayne Bush
Leanna Anderson
Joni Naquin
Will Hooper
Jennifer Paul
Todd Yore
Jack Givens
Shymika Stephenson
Ja'Juan Allen
Matthew Comeaux
Shaun Jackson
Glenn Ward
Justin Owen
Jessica Cramer
Casey Ponder
Jeremiah Newsom
Paul Montleone
Jonathan Chance

Absent:
Justin Chandler
Joseph Longlois
Jared Monroe

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

The prayer was led by Jessica Cramer. The pledge was led by Dustin Floyd.

Matt Comeaux moved to approve the amended minutes. The motion was seconded by Justin Owen.

Executive Reports:

John-Michael McConnell-getting strict on budgets. He is sending out letters. The meeting is Wednesday.

Rusty Broussard-see report

David Gunn-see report.

Shymika Stephenson entered the meeting.

Department Reports:

Amanda Barrios-GRE, Student initiative process, Book Swap Board is not doing well. The meeting is Wednesday at 5:00pm. The radio show is Tuesday 11-1pm.

Andrew-Elections are Tuesday and Wednesday. We will be working on the homecoming banners. The meetings will be Tuesdays at 5:00pm.

John-Michael-no report.

Matt Comeaux-He is waiting on letterheads.

Internal Affairs-Vanessa Byrd fixed the Senate rules. She has the list of uncompleted office hours, the meeting attendance sheet, and senator of the month will start again.

Election Board-Joni Naquin-Jack Givens needs to meet with her. The next meeting is Thursday at 4:00pm. Nobody can campaign in Iberville. She made a big banner.

Student Affairs-Justin Owen discussed the shuttle service. Glen Ward and Casey Ponder volunteered to work it. There is going to be a debate between the two political parties. We won't have a student directory until Spring 2001. Thanks to all committee members for working hard.

Traffic and Safety-Dustin Floyd- They met this week, now just waiting on some money.

IM-Jeremiah Newsom-Meetings are Thursdays at 4:00pm.

SAB Non-voting rep-Will Hooper-The coffee house is at 8:00pm tonight. There is a reunion Friday at 12:00pm at the rec. complex. SGA is invited.

Supreme Court-Charlie Penrod enjoyed all the work he did with the Supreme Court. Send all questions to Niko Tesvich. Advertise for open position. Rusty will help get things together.

New Business:

Alonda Marsten, Robin Selders, and Brian Williams are appointed to election board committee.

Jeremiah Newsom read Bill FA00-001.

Paul Montleone moved to approve. Amanda Barrios seconded. Discussion followed.

Paul Montleone moved to send this to Internal Affairs. Ja'Juan Allen seconded the motion. The motion was passed 23-0-0.

Justin Owen read Resolution FA00-002. Jessica Cramer moved to approve. Casey Ponder seconded. Discussion followed. The motion was passed 23-0-0.

Andrew Davies read Resolution FA00-003. Resolution tabled until next week.

Justin Owen read Resolution FA00-004. Resolution tabled until next week.

Vanessa Byrd postponed Oath of Office until after elections.

Jennifer Paul, Joni Naquin, and Will Hooper volunteered to help with homecoming.

Fee Review Committee is at the same time as Fiscal Affairs.

Old Business:

Justin Chandler was removed from the Senate. (23-0-0).

Dustin moved to approve the Senate rules. Jack Givens seconded. The motion was passed by 22-1-0.

Announcements:

Rusty Broussard asked that if you cannot make a time to work elections, find someone to cover you.

Niko Tesvich-Everyone go to the ULL game.

Rusty Broussard needs to talk to Andrew Davies and Jeremiah Newsom.

Andew Davies needs someone to help him hang the banner outside of Iberville.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

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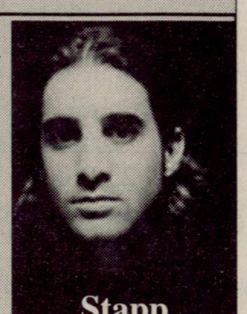
LIFE: *Entertainment*

The *View* from the Front Row

By Larry Collins
Life Editor

Drop Dead Fred?


Durst


Stapp

Throughout history, there have been a handful of memorable feuds and long running hatreds. There has been the Hatfields and the McCoys, the Christians and the lions and Michael Jackson and melanin. The feuds in the world of entertainment are no less heated. Joining the ranks of combatants, such as Christina Aguliera and Eminem, Lars Ulrich and Shawn Fanning (Napster), are the front men of two of the most popular contemporary bands.

Neo-bad-boy and *Limp Bizkit* front man Fred Durst have waged an unholy war against *Creed* vocalist Scott Stapp. The two have engaged in numerous instances of verbal fisticuffs, and Stapp has even challenged Durst to take the rivalry to the ring to pound out a solution on each other's faces.

I have to side with Durst in this argument for many reasons. But, I must warn you that some of my reasons are unfounded, a bit juvenile and shallow in origin.

The first strike against *Creed* is the sell-out factor. In my opinion, sell-outs are innately evil and should be destroyed. And I'm not just talking about a *Blink 182* or *Goo Goo Dolls* selling-out, but this is the caliber of *Sixpence None The Richer.* Like *Sixpence* (*Kiss Me*), *Creed* went from a contemporary Christian format and morphed into the wanna-be Eddie Vedder rip-off that they are now. Changing style is no sin, but still hiding behind the safety of Christianity while spewing lyrics that defy the very institution that protects them, bothers me.

Fred and the Limp boys on the other hand say a prayer before every show, but they still curse and spit while performing. The difference is Fred doesn't feel the need to pretend to be something that he isn't, just to remain politically correct and accepted.

Speaking of Eddie Vedder.... Uh... strike two. Granted, it is not Stapp's fault that he sounds exactly like the great one, but like the old Highlander adage goes... "There can be only one." It adds to his vocal credit that he sounds like Vedder, but until *Pearl Jam* gains sanity again and starts producing some quality music, I just want to wait for Vedder.

Strike three? Fred is just a more authentic and charismatic person. He has gone to bat for Napster and along with *Cypress Hill* is giving free concerts to help the song swapping net company. While fans wait for days to get tickets before his Napster shows, he and the band buy pizza for fans that will lose their place in line if they go to get food.

I'm not knocking *Creed* or Stapp's talent. Hell, they have yet to produce a song that I don't like, but if it came down to Fred or Scott, the decision would be easy. And besides who would you pick in a fight, the guy that sings *Break Stuff* or the guy that sings *With Arms Wide Open*? That's what I thought.

The Current Sauce Top 25



1.	*Pinch Me*	*Barenaked Ladies*
2.	Come on Over	*Christina Aguilera feat. Fred Durst*
3.	With Arms Wide Open	*Creed*
4.	Teenage Dirtbag	*Wheatus*
5.	The First	*Tegan and Sara*
6.	One Voice	*Billy Gilman*
7.	You're a god	*Vertical Horizon*
8.	Minority	*Green Day*
9.	The Way I Am	*Eminem*
10.	Jumpin' Jumpin'	*Destiny's Child*
11.	(Hot Sh**t) Country Grammar	*Nelly*
12.	Girl From the Gutter	*Kina*
13.	Sundown	*Elwood*
14.	It's My Life	*Bon Jovi*
15.	Promise	*Eve 6*
16.	Last Resort	*Papa Roach*
17.	I Need You	*Leanne Rimes*
18.	Six Pacs	*The Getaway People*
19.	Change Your Mind	*Sister Hazel*
20.	I Think I'm In Love	*Jessica Simpson*
21.	Wonderful	*Everclear*
22.	Kryptonite	*3 Door Down*
23.	Boyz In The Hood	*Dynamite Hack*
24.	What You Want	*DMX feat. Sisqo*
25.	You're an Ocean	*Fastball*


Tegan and Sara


Sisqo


Papa Roach

Entertaining Politics: Bush opens to Oprah


Associated Press
Winfrey and Bush laugh during the taping of the show that offered a different look at the candidate for President.

Republican George W. Bush succumbed to the ministrations of television host Oprah Winfrey on Tuesday, revealing an ambivalence toward the presidential race and wiping away a tear during a tribute to the birth of his twin daughters as the ``defining moment'' in his life.

But the Texas governor, who has a well-documented aversion to introspection declaring himself ``not into psychobabble,'' drew the line at giving Winfrey and her average daily audience of 7 million an example of an occasion on which he felt in need of forgiveness.

``I'm looking for specifics,'' Winfrey pressed.

``I know you are, but I'm running for president,'' he shot back with a grin.

Bush's turn in the Oprah easy chair came eight days after his Democratic rival's and at the start of a new campaign push to woo back the women voters successfully courted by Vice President Al Gore in recent weeks.

Parodying Gore's passionate smooch with wife Tipper at the Democratic convention last month, Bush opened the hour-long interview by striding on stage, embracing a surprised Winfrey and planting a kiss firmly on her cheek.

His wife Laura watched with a group of Republican fans from a restaurant across the street beneath a huge banner that read ''W. stands for Women.'' As the show began, they tapped their wristwatches and chanted ``It's time for us to win.''

Bush deflected with shrugs and humor a slew of questions requiring self-reflection such as how he defined himself, his favorite dream, whether he liked the nickname Dubya, what he hadn't revealed about himself during the campaign, whether he felt the calling to be president, his greatest self doubt and his definition of love.

But asked for the defining moment in his life, Bush mentioned his marriage to Laura and then spoke emotionally at length about the births of Jenna and Barbara 18 years ago after he and his wife had thought they might adopt children.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

But he told Winfrey the biggest public misconception about him was that ``I am running on my daddy's name.'' His father George Bush served as president from 1989-93. He was defeated by Bill Clinton.

``If my name were George Jones, I'd be a country and western singer,'' he joked. ``I've lived with this all my life ... I understand people are going to say that.''

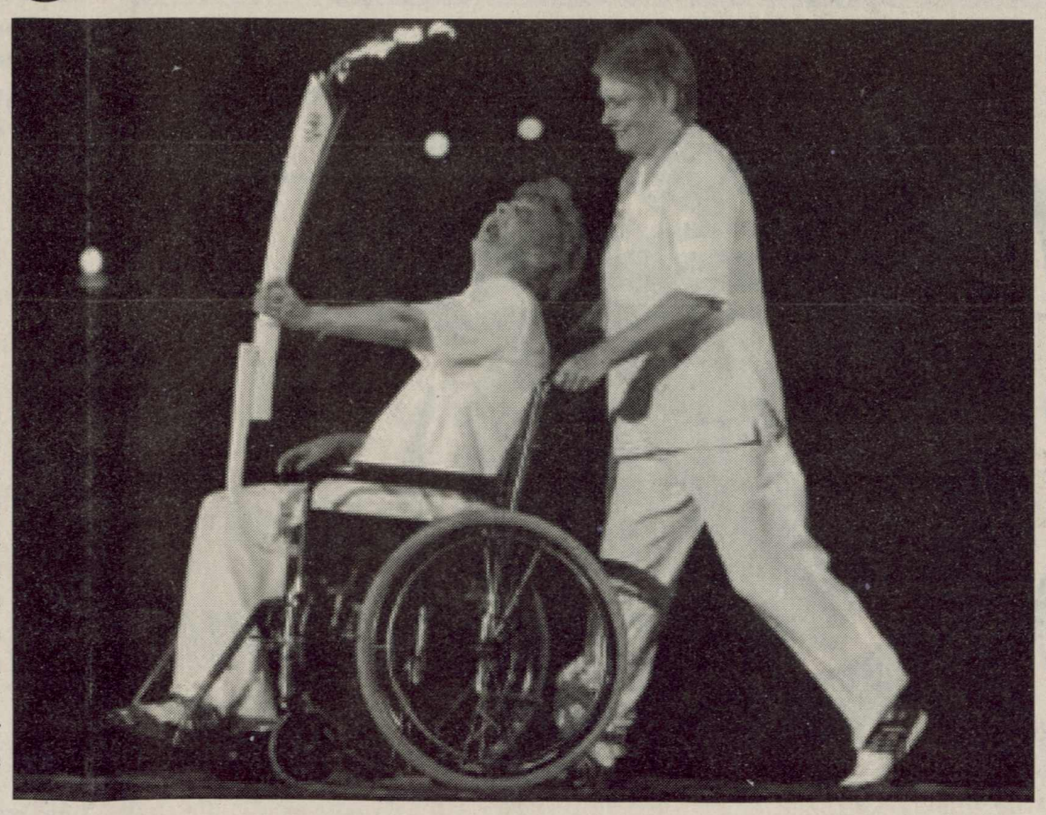
Asked if a small part of him wanted to ``restore the honor'' of the Bush name, he replied: ``Revenge is such a negative thought. I'm running for positive reasons.''

Bush, who has said he never dreamed of being president as a child preferring instead to imagine himself as a major league baseball player, said he now felt ``a big call,'' but added: ''Life would be so much simpler to be in Texas with my wife and not putting our children through the meat grinder of public opinion ... was there a bolt of lighting, 'Thou shalt be president,' no.''

Responding to criticism that he lacks the intellectual heft for the White House, Bush told Winfrey there was more to ''smarts'' than being able ``to write well or do calculus.''

``Smart is also instinct, judgement and common sense ... You can't inspire and unite by thinking you're smarter than everyone else,'' he said.

Olympic rating not winning gold metals for NBC


Associated Press
Two Olympic athletes make the journey of the torch for the opening ceremony in Sydney, Australia . These are some of the lowest rated Olympic games since they have been broadcasted on network television. The games continue on NBC.

Fewer American viewers are tuning in to TV broadcasts of the Olympics in Sydney than any summer Games since Mexico City in 1968, early ratings figures showed Tuesday.

NBC, which paid $705 million for the rights to show the Sydney Games, had no comment on the numbers, which some observers say have been hit by the fact that events are being shown on tape delay because of the 15-hour time difference between Sydney and New York.

Another factor could be that the Canadian Broadcasting Corp., which is airing 18 hours of Olympic coverage — much of it live during the early hours — could be siphoning off viewers in Buffalo, Detroit, Seattle and other areas near the U.S.-Canada border which can receive CBC's signal.

Some analysts suggested audience figures would have to improve quickly or else NBC might have to offer advertisers free time to make up for disappointing ratings.

``They might be close to tanking,'' said Robert Thompson, director of the Center for the Study of Popular Television at Syracuse University. ``They're not absolutely awful, but close to (the minimum) they promised advertisers. The general buzz is not promising.''

Thompson, who lives in Syracuse in northern New York state, said: ``Everyone up here is pulling in Canadian TV.''

Jon Mandel, of the New York ad firm Mediacom, which represents some Olympic clients, said: ``Am I concerned? Yeah. Am I worried? Not yet, give me three days.'' NBC is believed to have promised advertisers, who paid a record total $900 million for spots during broadcasts, at least a 17.5 to 18.5 rating.

``They (NBC) might be sweating a bit,'' said a TV industry insider, who requested anonymity. ``Maybe they'll end up giving away some stuff (ad spots).''

According to national data from Nielsen Media Research, the prime-time portion of Friday's opening ceremony from Australia delivered a 16.2 rating which means it was watched in about 16.5 million homes in the United States. Each ratings point represents 1,008,000 households.

Preliminary ratings for the prime-time broadcasts in the top 48 markets in the United States were 14.9 for Saturday — a traditionally low-viewing TV night — 17.1 on Sunday and 16.1 on Monday when the Olympics were up against the NFL's Monday Night Football — a routine ratings champion.

Apart from 1980, when the U.S. boycott of the Moscow Games blacked out broadcasts in the United States, Nielsen said so far, Sydney trails all previous summer Olympics since Mexico City which had an average 13.7 rating.

Munich 1972, which was marred by the terrorist attacks on Israeli athletes in the Olympic village, gained a huge 25 rating and Montreal in 1976 came close with a 24.8. Los Angeles 1984 had a 23 rating and Atlanta 1996 garnered a 21.6. In between, Seoul 1988 (17.9) and Barcelona 1992 (17.5) scored higher than Sydney so far.

NBC Sports President Dick Ebersol has previously downplayed any negative effects of tape-delayed action. ``The Olympics are a visual experience much more than a results experience,'' he told reporters last week.

But with such a huge investment in the Games, the General Electric (NYSE:GE - news)-owned network has to hope things improve when popular events like gymnastics and basketball heat up and when track and field competition starts.

LIFE: *Entertainment*

Father of *Unplugged* does it again:

Jon Bon Jovi; from MTV *Unplugged* to VH1 *Storytellers*

After nearly two decades of rock 'n' roll, Jon Bon Jovi has many stories to tell - about his 17 Top 40 hits, seven records, five world tours and an Oscar nomination for best song.

But one of the most memorable is the story of Bon Jovi's performance on the MTV Video Music Awards in 1989, when he and guitarist Richie Sambora took to the stage to perform acoustic versions of their hard-rocking hits ``Livin' on a Prayer'' and ``Wanted Dead or Alive.''

``All I could think of was, `How are we going to make Madonna and Bob Seger and David Lee Roth stand in their chairs and applaud?'" Bon Jovi said in an interview. ``The guys were like, `Don't. Sit down with two guitars and play the way you wrote the song.' So, I went out there barefoot with two acoustic guitars. ... I thought it was a complete failure until I read the papers the next day.''

MTV credits the performance for giving birth to ``Unplugged,'' the music channel's critically acclaimed show featuring the world's top acts in acoustic settings with small audiences.

``It flips everyone out,'' Bon Jovi said.

It's one of the stories that Bon Jovi plans to tell when the band kicks off the third season of VH1's ``Storytellers'' on Friday at 10 p.m. EDT. The show will be taped Friday afternoon at the Hammerstein Ballroom in New York City.

The inception of ``Storytellers'' marked the music channel's move from contemporary music video fare to a blend of rock, pop and hip-hop programs for an aging MTV audience.

``It was the first new breed of VH1 shows, and I think it's when we started to come on the idea of the stories behind the music, which, in turn, has become our mantra,'' said series executive producer Bill Flanagan.

Bon Jovi said it was that approach that drew him to ``Storytellers.''

``They understood that careers have peaks and valleys, and understood that a career is a marathon, not a sprint,'' he said. ``They understood that three or four years ago when MTV was jumping on flash-in-the-pan kids' stuff, boy bands and the rap things that have one record, maybe two.''

Since then, VH1's ``Storytellers'' also has spawned the popular ``Behind the Music,'' hour-long documentaries of sorts about the rise, fall and rise again of some of the world's top acts.

But it is ``Storytellers'' that remains the flagship of VH1 programming, giving musicians a setting to tell the story behind a particular song.



Associated Press

Jon Bon Jovi heads to VH1 to explain what his hits really mean.

Nike slasher advertisement *cut* from NBC Olympic line-up

NBC, responding to viewer complaints, has dropped a commercial for Nike sports shoes and clothing featuring a female Olympic runner being pursued by a chain saw-wielding man.

A spokesman said on Tuesday that the ad, which was aired over the weekend as NBC kicked off its coverage of the Olympics in Sydney, had been pulled because of complaints. He did not say how many the network received.

``We were fully prepared to react quickly'' to complaints, said Rick Gitter, who oversees advertising standards for General Electric-owned NBC. The network had accepted the ad ''with some trepidation,'' and ``subject to significant adverse audience reaction,'' he said.

The spot, by the Portland, Ore-based agency Wieden & Kennedy, is part of a campaign with the theme ``Why Sport?'' promoting Nike's sponsorship of the Games.

In a spoof of horror movies, the commercial features U.S. Olympic runner Suzy Hamilton being chased by a masked man through a house and then into dark woods. But she puts on a burst of speed and leaves her attacker panting in the dust.

As he drops his weapon, the words appear on the screen: ''Why sport? Because you'll live longer.''

There was no immediate comment from Nike, but a spokeswoman for the ad agency told the New York Times that although it had expected some complaints, it was ``unfortunate'' NBC dropped the ads.

Landmark lesbian couple ends "partnership" after 12 years



Associated Press

Melissa Ethridge and Julie Cypher call it quits after 12 years. This is the second high profile lesbian couple to end in the past few weeks. They follow in the footsteps of Anne Heche and Ellen DeGeneres.

Randall S. Frederick
LIFE Reporter

Singer-songwriter Melissa Ethridge and partner Julie Cypher have broken up. The lesbian couple announced the split of their 12 year relationship on Tuesday.

"With the utmost of love and respect for one another we have decided to separate." said the couple in a statement released by Island Records, Ethridge's record label.

The announcement comes less than a month after the announcement of the breakup of another famous lesbian couple, Ellen DeGeneres and Anne Heche.

The couple met in 1988 while Cypher was working as an assistant director on one of Ethridges music videos. Cypher, then married to actor Lou Diamon Phillips, soon fell in love with Ethridge, and the duo started living together.

In 1997, after divorcing actor Phillips, Cypher was artificially inseminated with their first child, Bailey. Bailey's birth was soon followed by the birth of their second child, Beckett. Both births were met with controversy and speculation as to who the biological father was. Famous figures from Brad Pitt to Sting had been mentioned as the childrens father, but in January of this year, they put an end to the mystery when they told Rolling Stone magazine that singer-songwriter David Crosby was the donor.

Custody of the children has yet to be decided, but both parties agree that the children are of the utmost importance. "As committed parents, our top priority continues to be what is in the best interest of our children" their statement says. "Though elements of our lives will change, our family will always remain intact."

Ethridge is currently taping her show "Beyond Chance" for Lifetime Television, and also writing an autobiography due out in the summer of 2001.

NSU theater gears up for new fall season with Macbeth

Josh Green
LIFE Reporter

The university's theatre department will open the fall 2000 semester production season with their rendition of William Shakespeare's "Macbeth", one of the most difficult plays that the department has been faced with recently. The A.A. Fredericks Auditorium will be the site of the production nights next month on the days of October 11, 12, and 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Students wishing to be cast in the production were faced with the challenge that "Macbeth's" difficult plot line and language usage might be challenging when learning the scrip. These students have appeared to overcome those obstacles and say they are ready to perform.

Colin Trahan of Folsom will act as Macbeth while Jena Westbrook of Broken Bow, Oklahoma will play his Lady. The role of Lady Macduff will be played by Laura West of Cottonport and Eric Guy Miller of Pineville will act as Macduff. Also in the cast are Tony Blanco of New Iberia as Ross, Jordan Paul of Cincinnati as Malcolm, Karly Pierre of St. Martinville as Hecate, Annie Fackler of Lafayette, Jessica Sondag of Lathrop, Mo., and Amie Clarke of Blue Springs, Mo. as the witches. Steven Cooper of Lake Charles will act as King Duncan. James Palmer of Mansfield will play Banquo. Kendrick Hudson of Shreveport will play Porter. Old Siward will be played by Micheal Ward of Gainesville, Ga.

Other cast members include Tim Long of Fort Worth as Lennox, Josh Powell of Fort Smith, Ark. as Seyton, Jonathon Steele of Covington as Angus, Travis Barth of Mabank Texas, as Menteith, and James Williams of Lake Charles as Caithness. Others include Jamie Neuman and Rebecca Brettel of New Orleans, Alaine Claire of Ruston and Camill Sotomayor of Natchitoches as apparitions. Dana Duhon of Abbeville will play the gentlewoman to Lady Macbeth and Hector Guivas of Royal Palm Beach, Fla. will act as Young Siward.

Also earning roles were Larry Soileau of Lake Charles as Donalbain, Sabrina Plaisance of Morgan City as a prophetess, Devon Riley of Baton Rouge as a female warrior and Valerie Perdue of Natchitoches, Patricia Calfee of Baton Rouge and Karen Burns of Alexandria as servants. Josh Laird of Oakdale will play a Scottish doctor. Aaron Hoosier of Alexandria and Jacob Smith of Monroe will play servants. Also in the cast are Jeremy Rhodes of Boyce and Mike Batusic of Davie, Fla. as murderers. Kyle Lemaire of Abbeville will act as the captain and Kerry Lambert of Prarieville holds the part of Fleance. Also earning roles were Missy Bizzell of Natchitoches, Kristin Jones, and Camille Suggs.

Tickets cost $5 for those attendees who are not university students. Students of the university may obtain a ticket at no cost. Information on obtaining tickets is available by calling 357-6891.

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People In Brief



Kid Rock

Don't believe what you hear about Kid Rock's wild living and drug use - it's all media hype, the rap star said in court records on a custody fight for his son.

The boy's mother, 29-year-old Kelley South Russell, claims that Kid Rock's career is marked by rampant drug use and debauchery.

Kid Rock, whose real name is Robert Ritchie, "admits he does consume some alcohol, and in the past, he has dabbled with illicit drugs" as court records show, he will take a drug test any time.

Court records show Kid Rock has had custody since the 7-year-old boy was an infant.

The Macomb County friend of the Court, a liaison in child support and custody cases, recommended that he keep custody, The Macomb Daily reported Tu day. Judges typically follow such recommendations.

Kid Rock's last album is titled *The History of Rock* and can be found most local music stores.

Spotlight: Two Bits, Four Bits... Vic the Demon (AKA Joshua Powell)

Heather Patton
LIFE Reporter

At University football games, the halftime show is usually the highlight. But who is that masked man in costume jumping in the stands and rousing his fans to cheer on the Purple Pride? It's none other than Vic the Demon, the University's mascot.

Vic the Demon is also none other than Joshua Powell. Josh is a junior theater major from Fort Smith, Arkansas. He started theater in the 10th grade at South Side High School at Fort Smith. His first play was "Arsenic and Old Lace". The youngest of two sibling, Josh claims he was the mischievous one in the family.

"I was far from a rebel, but I was very mischievous," Josh said.

Josh seems to come from an artistic family. His older sister teaches theater at a high school in Texas and his father is a businessman who used to do artwork. Now he collects artwork and works on model trains. His older brother is still in college. Josh has played in "Gallileo" last spring and "Annie Get Your Gun" this past summer.

Looking at Josh's Hawaiian shirt, colored sunglasses and two tongue rings, it doesn't seem surprising that he would want to do something different with Vic and dress him up in different kinds of costumes.



NSU Press
Vic takes time to chat with a University cheerleader during a pep rally. They are preparing to warm up the student body for a football game.



NSU Press
Vic leads members of the Yell Leaders in a touchdown celebration during a University game. Vic is the moral leader of the Cheerleading squad.

"There was a pimp costume for the pep rally and a Hawaiian outfit too," said Josh. "Look for other costumes for Vic."

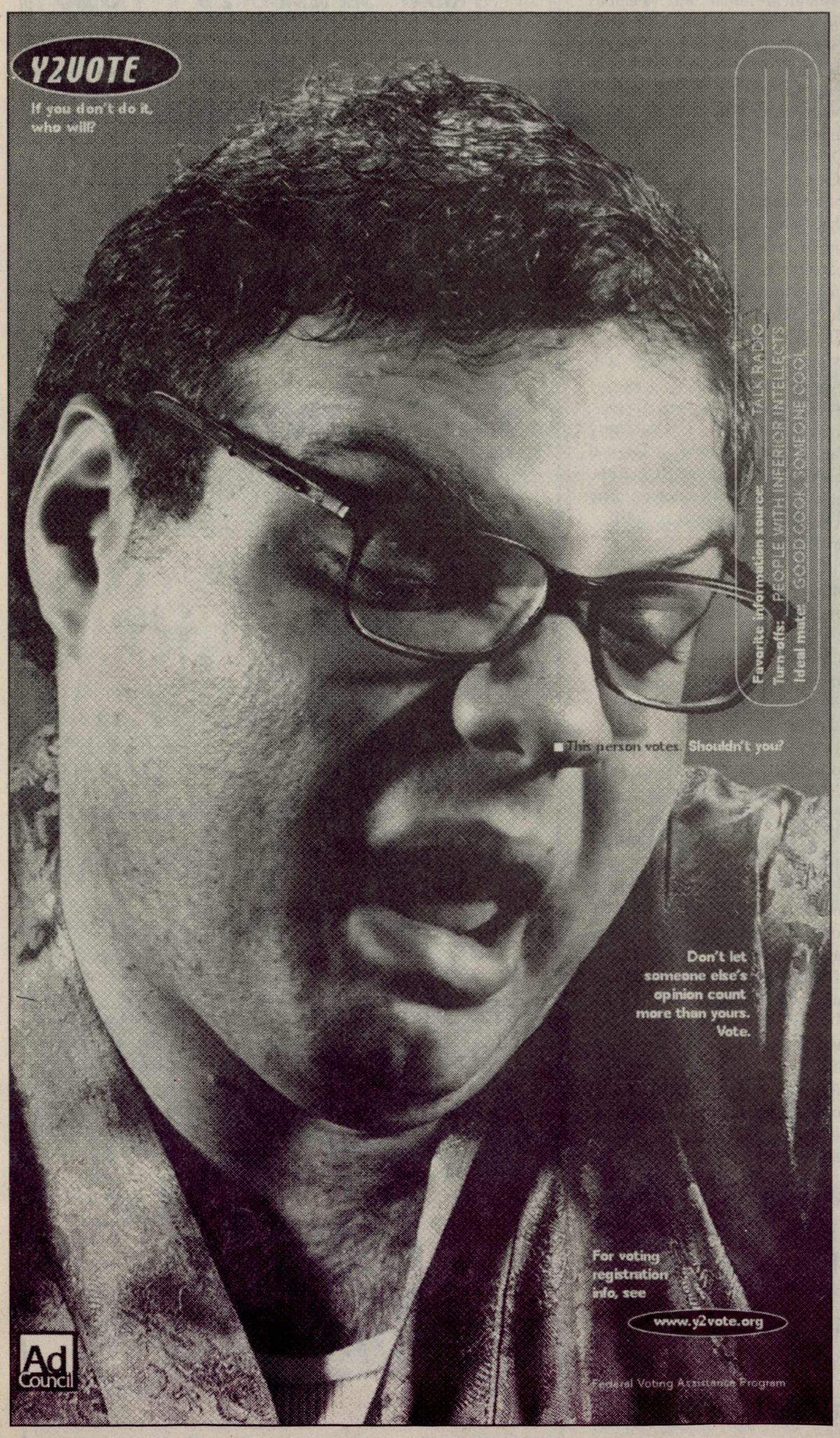
Josh said that one day he would like to teach theater and drama in high school and get his MFA (theater education). Ten years from now, Josh said he would like to own his own reparatory theater.

In the last Current Sauce issue, there was a comment from a previous Vic the Demon who criticized Josh for his performance in he University's football game against Southern University. Josh wanted to set the record straight.

"This guy is perfectly entitled to his opinion and my apologies to the fans," said Josh. "This is my first year. The reason I wasn't out during part of the game and halftime was because I was under the stands cooling off so I wouldn't pass out on the field from the heat. Those costumes are extremely hot. I think he should understand since he was Vic. But I plan on being out there more."

Josh encourages all University Demon fans to come out to the games and support the team.

"We really have a good team this year," Josh said. "We need the fans out there to get our team up. It's hard to fight in a game if there's nobody there to cheer the team on. Wear our school colors to the game."



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Sports

Soccer team at .500 after 3-1 victory

By Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

A pair of second-half goals by Hillarie Marshall and Shannon Tenney broke a 1-all tie and gave the Demons a 3-1 victory Tuesday afternoon at the Demon soccer field.

The win now brings the Demons to 2-1 in conference play and to a record of 5-5 overall. The loss drops SFA to 1-5 overall and winless in conference play.

Britanny Cargill scored her 12th goal of the season 11 minutes into the first half. Cargill, whose goal puts her one behind the school record she set at 13 goals in 1998, added an assist to Marshall's goal as well. Kathryn Latiolais assisted on Tenney's goal.

The sole Ladyjack goal came in the second half off an unassisted goal by Anna Steed, her first of the season.

Goalkeeper Tiffany Swingler stopped four shots on goal by the Lady Lumberjacks while giving up only one goal. She played the entire game.

SFA goalkeeper Elizabeth Evatt gave up three goals with only one save before being pulled in the 85th minute of play. Lotta Westerberg, SFA goaltender, saw four minutes of action in the game.

The Demons outshot the Ladyjacks by a total of 19-9. The Ladyjacks had more shots on the goal, with five shots compared to NSU's four shots on goal.

The Demons will head out on a five-game road trip with the marquee matchup being in Baton Rouge and a game against LSU tomorrow.



Jacqualyn Lawrence (center) splits the defense in yesterday's win



IT'S PERSONAL... AND IT'S BUSINESS

Demon goalkeeper Tifanny Swingler wants this to be known- she hates to lose

After the loss against Centenary last Wednesday, a number of Demon Soccer fans grumbled and groaned. However, none were any louder than Northwestern goalkeeper Tiffany Swingler, who admits she "takes being scored on really hard."

Yes, you've guessed it – Swingler's a perfectionist. Even after scoring the 2000 Preseason Second Team All Southland Conference and holding the school record for the best goals against average in a season and most shutouts in a season, she's convinced she has not even tapped into her full potential. But she could be convinced if she were to make All-Conference.

It's difficult to imagine that one year ago, Tiffany struggled academically, almost to the point of losing what she loves most – the chance to play soccer. So what changed? Her study habits.?

Swingler laughs recalling, "Coach Mitchell would lock me in his office for two hours a day until I got my priorities back in order."

Obviously, this approach works. She now turns out report cards with GPA's of 3.4. Coach Mitchell states that her drive and "her determination to get herself once again eligible to play soccer" impresses him.

During the soccer season, Tiffany heads to the weight room on weekends to get in extra practice, but once the rigorous season ends, Swingler gets grounded through drawing and music.

"It's my therapy," Tiffany claims, "It gets me through all the craziness."

She's also a movie buff. Teammate and friend Kate Tsakanikas remarks, "It drives me crazy to watch a movie with her…she recites the movie word for word with the characters, its awful." Another pastime she enjoys is experimenting in the kitchen. But beware junk food addicts – don't eat at Tiffany's house if you want to consume lots of calories. She's strictly into health food and fruit. "All you will find at her house is weird vegetables that I have never heard of, peas and okra," Tsakanikas said.

Swingler pondered long and hard about how she wanted her friends to describe her before she answered confidently, "I want them to say I'm independent, competitive, and creative." Tsakanidas depicts her as "an extremely loyal friend," and Mitchell comments that "she's a very good athlete with a very good attitude."

While it is no surprise that Swingler's idol is a woman athlete, it is interesting that she plays hockey – with the men. The goalie for the Tampa Bay Lightning, Manon Rheaume, is a source of inspiration for Tiffany. "She made it past some big obstacles in sports and she didn't let the fact that she was a woman, not a man, stop her from playing in the National Hockey League."

When asked what motivates her to willingly give up her time and energy to succumb to the madness that goes along with playing a college sport, Tiffany grows thoughtful. "There's only 39 games left in my career, and I have been playing since the first grade. It hits me that it's almost over, and I haven't yet reached my goals. The season goes by in a flash… when it's gone, it's over, and I'm going to miss it."

Story By Mindy Mixon

Students get a chance to meet Demon athletes

Brien Hollkamp
Sauce Reporter

The wins and losses, the ups and downs and the phenomenal and troublesome times with the NSU athletes were remembered and shared along with the fun, food and prizes at the Student-Athlete Meet and Greet lunch.

Every student who could make it to the ballroom in the student union on Friday September 15th from twelve to two in the afternoon got to meet the athletes who represent the University.

Tickets for the give away were given out at the door. Signed sporting goods, t-shirts, and a grand prize of one airplane ticket voucher for one-hundred dollars were given out.

The Student Athlete Advising Committee set up the event. Melissa Krause came up with the idea at a Student Athlete Advising Committee meeting in July. Julie Lessiter organized and set up the event. Lessiter, the academic adviser, did a great deal of the work with help from Melissa Krause, Anna Means and Jennifer Peck.

The purpose of the event was to get students to become more familiar with campus athletics and the athletes who play them.

Many of the University athletes were present. Josh Hancock, senior on the basketball team, was there and spoke out to everyone about supporting our teams.

"They got a chance to meet people. Now they can't say they don't know people on the team," Hancock said.

The athletes who were present made themselves known and some of whom were Chris Thompson and Josh Hancock of the basketball team, Cathy Herring of the volleyball team, and Jason Champagne of the track team.

"I think this helped a lot with all the people present, but I expected more people," Champagne said.

Many of the athletes there felt they should do it again, and maybe there will be a bigger turn out next time around.

All participants and students should appreciate the organization and efforts of the Student Athlete and Advising Committee.

What's the best way to get Olympic television ratings; make football an Olympic sport

NBC is getting the news it knew was coming but was hoping wouldn't come. The "plausibly live" thing isn't working.

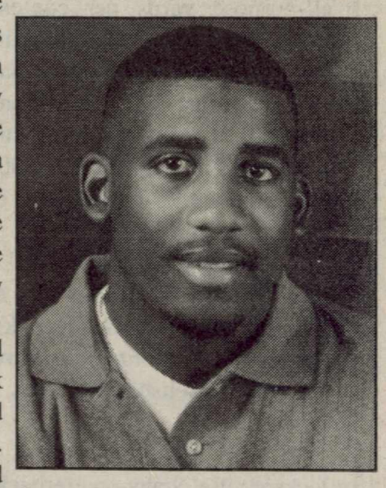
And let's face it, it's not totally their fault. Most people still want to watch the Olympics. If you're like me, you like to pretend to be an expert in gymnastics (oh, he didn't stick the landing) and diving (no splash at all, a perfect dive!), and you still believe in the genuine idea that sports can bring people from different backgrounds together.

But then, reality sets in. The 18-hour time delay from Sydney to New York means we're asleep while LaMark Carter could be winning the gold medal. Plus, the Olympics are taking place in the fall, which means head-to-head competition with college and pro football. And even though the Chinese are favored to win the men's gymnastics, they don't stand a chance against the Redskins and Cowboys.

So here's my proposal to Dick Embersol at NBC; make football an Olympic sport.

I mean, it's an idea whose time has come. It's like when the people at the post office decided it would be a good idea to make those adhesive stamps; why didn't we think of this before.

I know that the U.S. is just about the only country that plays American-style football, so I have a few rules to make things competitive. Let's use the Iraqi team, for example. First, have Saddam and his buddies come up with their own team and players, but after that, we would send some of our players to Iraq. The guys we don't want like Ryan Leaf, Curtis Enis and Jason Seahorn. They would become citizens for about a year, learn the language, eat the food and teach the Iraqis how to play tackle football.



Opinion
By Rondray Hill

Then we send 'em a coach. I think Mike Ditka would work in their case. Then they would buy the uniforms, and we would supply them with pads and helmets. Just about everyone has a pair of hand-me-down pads and helmets from their older brother's PeeWee football days in their closet. This way, the games could have some sort of semi-competitiveness.

The Americans would send four Heisman-candidate players to be the captains of a team made up of second-team All-Americans. This way with the pro players playing for the other nations and the college players playing for us, we can delay both college and pro season to focus our attention on the Olympic games. Steve Spurrier could be the coach of the Americans, that way when we face Iraq, he could run the score up on them. The Heisman trophy would be heavily decided on the candidates' performances in the games. We could keep track of how each player would be doing and how they fare in the Heisman trophy race.

And who wouldn't stay up until 2 a.m. to watch the high-powered American team play those nasty Cubans, coached by Jerry Glanville and quarterbacked by Jeff George. We live in a country where you have to stay up until about 1 a.m to see the end of Monday Night Football.

It's a proposal where everyone's a winner. NBC gets the ratings they want, football fans don't have to choose between the Olympics and Notre Dame/Nebraska, and once again, for two weeks, the center of the sports world is on the Olympic games.

And, for two weeks, Mike Ditka has a job again.

Demon Football rises to No. 19 in ESPN/USA Today poll

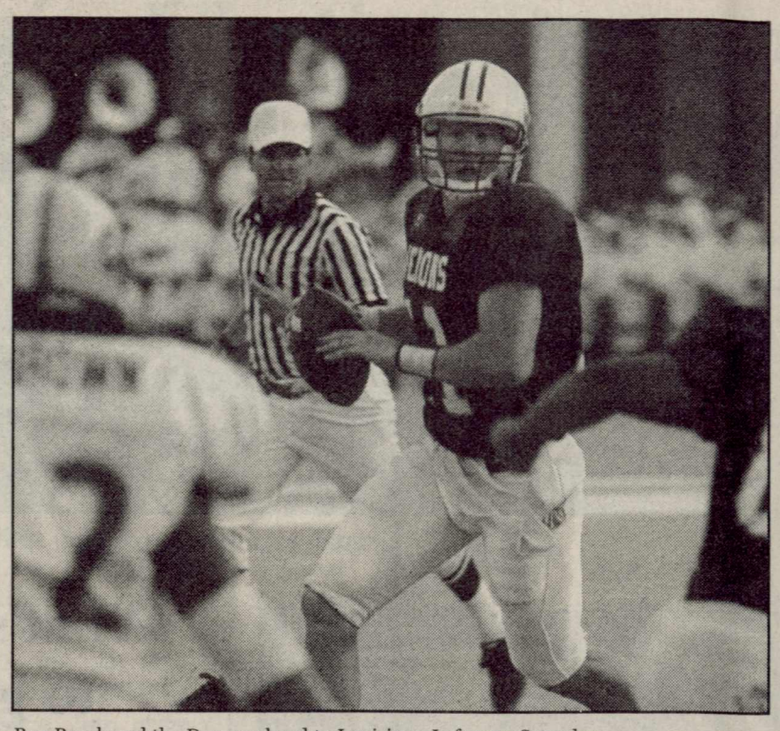
Northwestern State began game-week preparations Monday for its visit Saturday night to Louisiana-Lafayette as the Demons moved up three spots to 20th nationally in both major Division I-A Top 25 polls.

Northwestern (1-1), open last Saturday, advanced in the Sports Network's media poll and the ESPN/USA Today coaches' voting Monday. The Demons were among three Southland Football League teams in the polls.

Troy State (3-0) retained the No. 1 spot while Stephen F. Austin (3-0) zoomed up to 10th on the strength of its overtime 34-31 victory last Saturday at Louisiana Tech.

Northwestern will play a secon consecutive game against a Division I-A opponent. Central Florida topped the Demons 19-7 two weeks ago in Orlando.

The Demons and the ULL Ragin' Cajuns first played in 1909 and are virtually even in the 91-year-old series, with the Cajuns holding a 35-34-3 edge. Northwestern is 4-2 at Cajun field since the stadium was built in 1971, including a 24-22 victory in the last meeting between the two teams two years ago.



Ben Beach and the Demons head to Louisiana-Lafayette Saturday

Gary Hardamon/ NSU Press

ESPN/USA Today Top 25 Poll

1) Troy State
2) Geo. Southern
3) Youngstown St.
4) Florida A&M
5) Appalachian St.
6) Furman
7) Delaware
8) Portland St.
9) Montana
10) Stephen F. Austin
11) UMASS
12) Hofstra
13) Eastern Ky.
14) No. Carolina A&T
15) N. Arizona
16) Western Illinois
17) Villanova
18) James Madison
19) Lehigh
20) Northwestern State
21) Richmond
22) Eastern Washington
23) B. Iowa
24) South Florida (t)
24. Jackson St. (t)
Bolded names denote Southland

UL-Lafayette out to prove they're better than 0-3

Louisiana's Ragin' Cajun football team returned to action on Tuesday, beginning preps for this weekend's home contest against Northwestern State.

The Cajuns play host to the Demons in a 7 p.m. contest Saturday at Cajun Field.

After starting the drills with 15 minutes of special teams work, the Cajuns broke into individual and group drills for 50 minutes. From there, Louisiana-Lafayette spent the remaining hour of practice in team situations before closing out the workout in the two-minute drill.

"It was a typical Tuesday," head coach Jerry Baldwin said.

Opposition Report

Written by Rajuncajuns.com

"Any time you start a game plan with a new team, you don't have the same tempo. I'm expecting better tempo on Wednesday."

After facing two passing teams in Texas and Texas Tech during the last two weeks, the Cajuns meet a run-oriented NSU squad. While the offensive attack may be different from what they've been accustomed to recently, Baldwin said his squad wouldn't prepare any differently.

"We will prepare the same way," Baldwin said. "It will be a different style of attack we will have to defend, but our preparation won't change. We will try to stop what they do best."

For the Cajuns to be successful, they will have to put together a complete game with effort and execution, a common refrain out of the Louisiana-Lafayette locker room.

"Some areas are giving great effort but we're not executing," Baldwin said. "We have to do it 100 percent right."

For the first time in three weeks, Cajun fans will also get to see their home team in action, a fact which seemed to invigorate Baldwin.

"We're always excited to play on Cajun Field," Baldwin said. "We think coming home will help us because we want to show our fans that we are better than an 0-3 team at this point."

This Week in The Southland Conference

Provided by Southland.org

No. 19 Northwestern State Demons at Louisiana-Lafayette Ragin Cajuns- Cajun Field (31,000) Lafayette, La. 7:00 p.m.

Tony Taylor continues to lead the Southland in rushing and all-purpose yards per game. After two contests, he is averaging 163.5 yards rushing and 225.5 all-purpose yards per contest. Louisiana-Lafayette is looking for its first win of the season and first against a Southland Football League team. Sam Houston State opened the 2000 campaign with a 21-14 defeat of the Ragin Cajuns

Samford Bulldogs at Jacksonville State Gamecocks- Paul Snow Memorial Stadium (15,000) Jacksonville, Ala. o 7:00 p.m.

Jacksonville State quarterbacks have not thrown an interception this season, but the Gamecocks rank last in the Southland in passing
efficiency. JSU has completed just 15 of 36 passes for 145 yards in two games. Samford dominated the series early with 10 wins
and two ties in the first 12 meetings.

Nicholls State Colonels at No. 15 Western Illinois Leathernecks- Hanson Field (15,000) Macomb, Ill. 1:00 p.m.

The Leathernecks shut out Southland member Sam Houston State last week. They held the Bearkats to 34 yards rushing. Last year, Nicholls State built a 13-0 lead before Western Illinois scored a touchdown in the third and one with 5:45 left in the game to take a 14-13 victory. The contest was played in New Orleans. Charles Tharp rushed for a game-high 131 yards and scored the winning touchdown.

McNeese State Cowboys at Alcorn State Braves Jack Spinks Stadium (25,500) Lorman, Miss. 6:00 p.m.

McNeese State is playing its second Southwestern Athletic Conference opponent in three weeks. The Cowboys defeated Prairie View A&M, 41-0, in week two at the Houston Astrodome. Alcorn State has lost eight games in a row. The Cowboys lead the Southland in rushing with 227.3 yards per game and are tops in total offense at 470 yards a contest.

No. 10 Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks at Northern Iowa Panthers UNI Dome (16,324) Cedar Falls, Iowa 4:05 p.m.

Stephen F. Austin's Derrick Blaylock ranks second in the Southland with 134 rushing yards per game…He is second in the League with 463 all-purpose yards and ranks third in that category with a 154.33 average. Last week, Mike McElroy recorded 10 tackles, including one for minus two yards. He also had three quarterback pressures from his defensive end position in the win at Louisiana Tech. Brent Hafford, a defensive back, recorded his first collegiate interception in the first quarter to set up the 'Jacks first touchdown of the game.

Texas A&M-Kingsville Javelinas at Sam Houston State Bearkats Bowers Stadium (14,000) Huntsville, Texas 7:00 p.m.

Matt Dominguez became the Southland Football League's all-time leading receiver last week with eight catches. The eight give him 184 for his career, five more than previous record holder Cisco Richard of Louisiana-Monroe who had 179 from 1987-90.

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2000 Olympic Report

Team USA Basketball overcomes sluggish first half, beats Italy 90-61

Associated Press

Say this much about Italy: Their coaches not only dressed colorfully, they even came up with a strategy that frustrated the U.S. men's basketball team for a while.

Italy played a physical, slowdown style that worked for about 18 minutes. But spurred by a 14-0 run led by Antonio McDyess, Ray Allen and Alonzo Mourning, the U.S. men defeated the Italians 93-61 Tuesday in their second game of the Olympics.

``We know we'll see different tactics as teams try to figure out what will work," Mourning said. ``But this worked against them because they got so tired from all that grabbing and holding that they were unable to put the ball in the hole."

Italy's assistant coaches wore the same brightly colored pants they had worn last Friday night at the opening ceremony. One coach wore white pants, another wore green, a third aqua and a fourth red.

It was quite a fashion statement for a basketball game, but it wasn't as shocking as the numbers on the scoreboard with less that three minutes left in the first half: USA 35, ITA 33.

The U.S. team closed the half with a 10-2 run to lead by 10 at intermission — not the type of comfort zone the Americans are accustomed to.

``We discussed a lot of things, how we needed to relax and have fun," McDyess said. ``We were putting too much pressure on ourselves."

With the score 54-42 early in the second half, McDyess started the big run with a dunk. Mourning added a turnaround jumper, McDyess converted a fast-break layup off a pass from Jason Kidd and Mourning emphatically rejected an inside shot on Italy's next possession.

Next came the cappers: Allen racing downcourt after Mourning's block and taking the ball straight to the hoop for a one-handed dunk, and McDyess following with a steal near midcourt and an uncontested dunk for a 22-point lead.

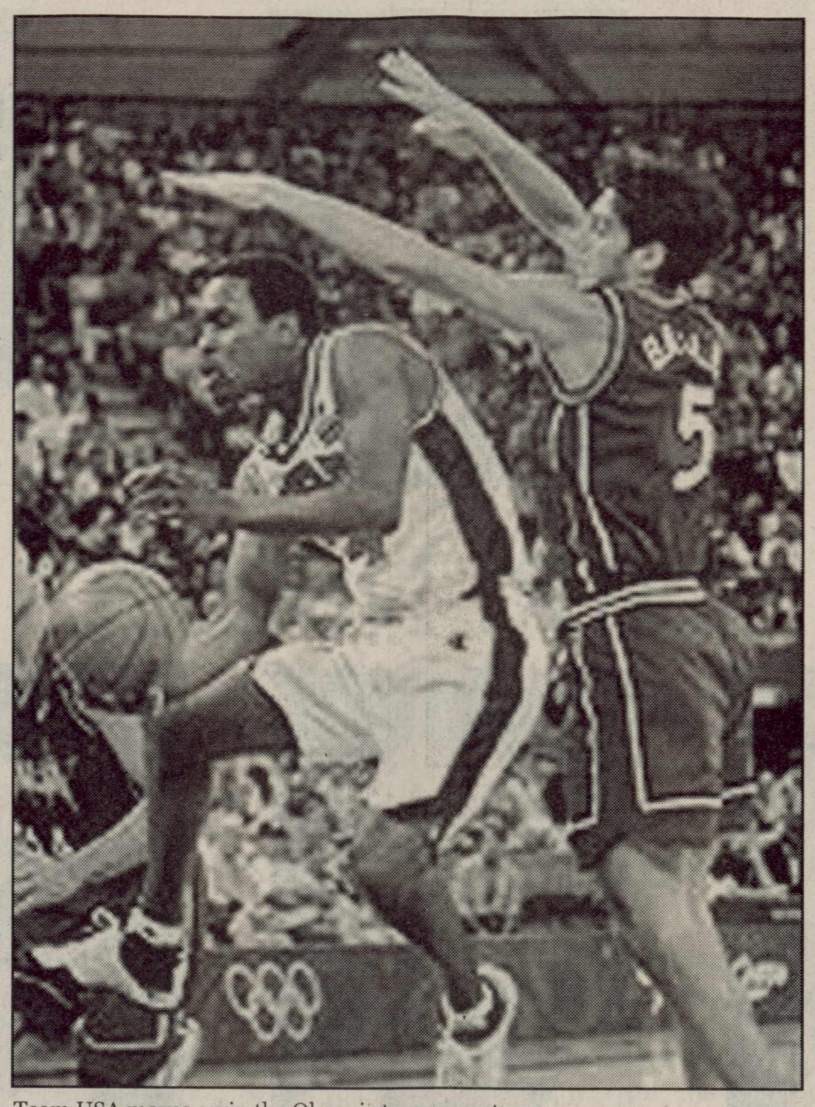
``The easy baskets gave us confidence. We had three or four in a row," McDyess said.

It was a laugher from there on out as the Americans went ahead by as many as 34 points and wound up winning by 32 — something that didn't seem likely late in the first half as the Americans couldn't find a way to shake off their pesky opponent.

The pestering style of physical play that Italy would use became apparent even before the game started as Mourning and Italy's center, Gregor Fucka, got their arms tangled up three times while waiting for the referee to throw up the opening tip.

``They came out fearless, and our depth wore them down," Allan Houston said.

Italy kept reaching in, banging and hindering the Americans any way they could, then frustrated the U.S. team by running much of the time off the 30-second shot clock before hoisting a shot.



Team USA moves on in the Olympic tournament AP Photo

The tactics weren't all that pretty to watch, but they served their purpose. The score was 35-33 before Houston made a 3-pointer to start a 10-2 run to close the first half. Mourning blocked a shot by Carlton Myers just before the halftime buzzer, pumping his arms afterward. That enthusiasm seemed to stick with the team through intermission, and the American players jumped off the bench as one after McDyess scored on a fast-break layup —not a dunk — and drew a foul early in the second half for a 52-35 lead.

``Maybe they were looking for something spectacular, but I took an easy bucket," McDyess said.

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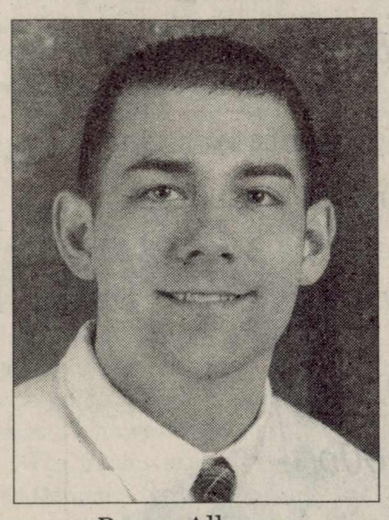
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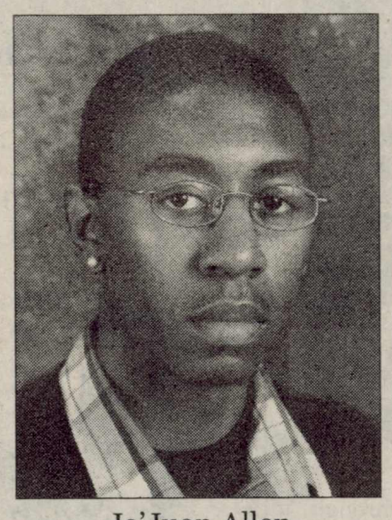

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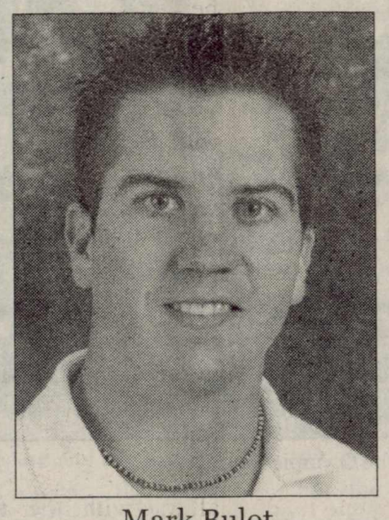

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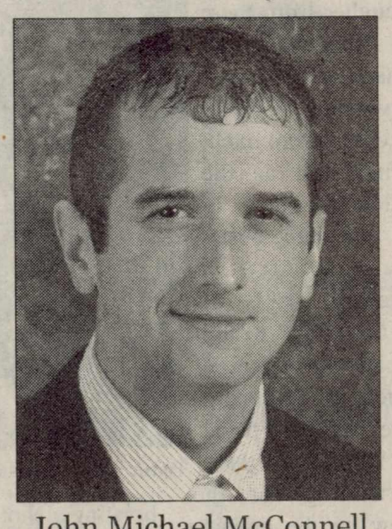

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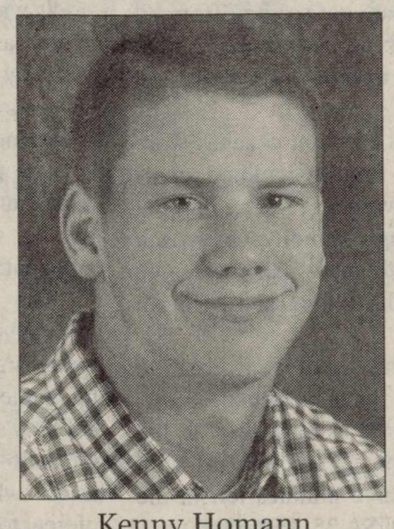
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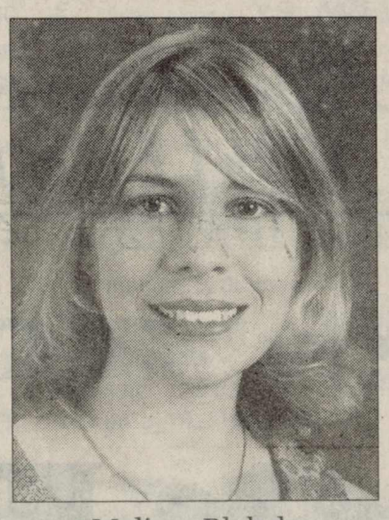

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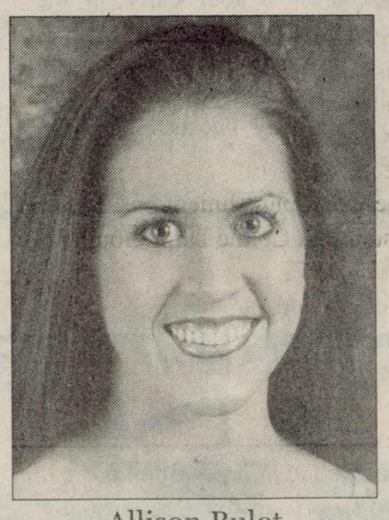

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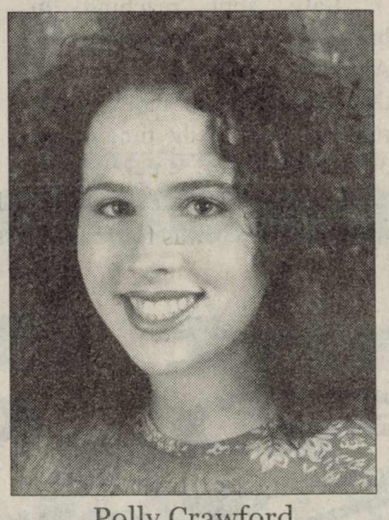
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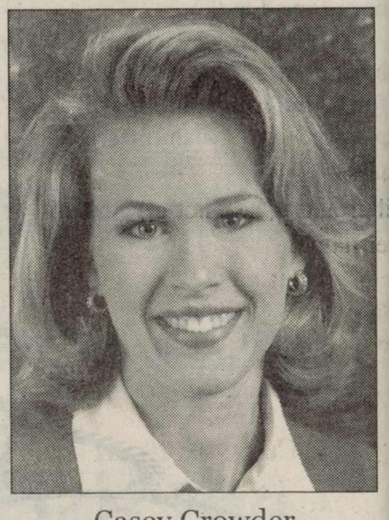

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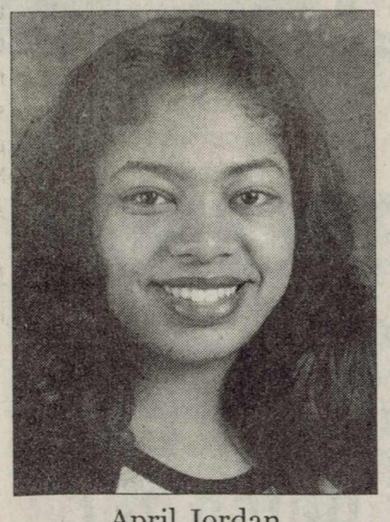

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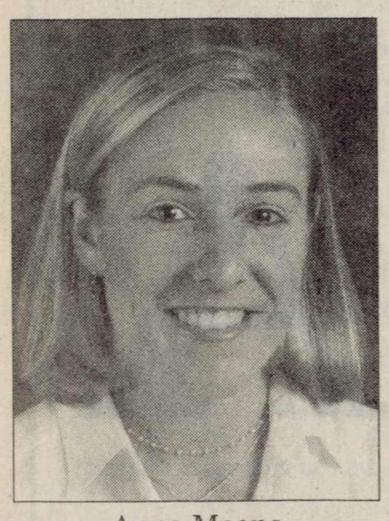

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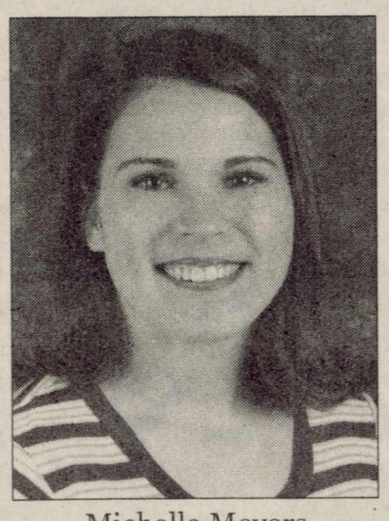

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Opinions

The good, the bad and the ugly

with Josh Beavers

The place - Vic's, the time 12 noon, the culprits - sorority girls, the crime - blocking traffic.

That's right, everybody who has ever set foot into Vic's or Les Rendevous or just about any other crowded place on campus knows what I am referring to. One sorority girl walks away from the cash register after buying her food. Oh no! At the same instant, she spots her sorority sister; the other lays eyes on her. It is too late; now everyone in the area will be delayed two to three minutes while they . . . hug each other as if they have been apart for 10 years, instead of just having saw one another ten minutes ago.

I have always laughed at this exhibition. I thought it was so funny to see the little blond haired sweeties wrap their arms around each other as if they were being reunited with their mothers on *Unsolved Mysteries.*

It was not until one day recently when I discovered the true nature of this affection. Many non-greeks accuse sororities of being fake. This is true in the sense that their exhibitions of love are not genuine, but the reasoning is much different than anyone could ever hope to imagine.

I was up late one night working on the paper when I received a phone call. The person on the other end of the phone spoke through a voice filter and would not give his or her name.

"You want the scoop on what really goes down at sorority meetings?" the person asked.

"Sure," I answered.

"Be at the ---- ----- ----- at 10 tonight, and you can see for yourself," the person said and hung up. I can't tell the location for safety reasons, but let me tell you it is a very well known spot on campus.

So I get in my truck and drive to the location. I park and see a whole slew of sorority girls walking through this open door. The last one enters and the door is closed. I get out of my truck and sneak over to the door. It's unlocked, so I go in. What I saw next will forever be imprinted in my memory.

I was privy to a sacred ritual. One that has been seen by few and all of those who have seen it have been sworn to secrecy. I crouched down behind a row of chairs in the back that were hiding me from sure discovery, and the scene unfolded before my eyes. A procession of seven people wrapped in long flowing purple robes and carrying red roses made their way through the crowd to the altar. They walked slowly, and the lead individual made way to the top of the platform as the other six took up flank on the left and right. Then after what seemed like an eternity, the silence was broken, and the lead cultist spoke.

"I am the Great Pink One," a female voice said. "Ruler of all members of the --- -- sorority."

Of course I can't say which sorority it was for fear of my life being endangered.

The Great Pink One continued on in a somber voice, yet one that could not erase all of the chipperness it was so accustomed to speaking.

"We are here tonight sisters to judge one of our own. She has committed a heinous and terrible act and must be punished."

The crowd parted again and two more purple cloaked figures emerged leading an uncloaked girl who had her hands tied in front of her with greek party T-shirt. The three took position in front of The Great Pink One with the prisoner in the center.

Pinky leveled an accusatory finger at the fallen sister, "You, sister ------ (once again I can not name names for my own safety) are accused with the second most heinous action that any sister can be charged with."

The room was dead silent, and the tension could be cut with a knife (sorry for the cliche). I was holding my breath and was on the verge of breaking down under the tension. I said to myself, "What had she done? I must know. Please Oh Great Pink One, tell me what this traitor has done."

My request was answered.

"You were spotted in Vic's two moons ago," Pinky said. "Do you remember this day?"

The prisoner was crying, but in between sobs she managed to let out an almost inaudible, "Yes."

"Then you must know what crime I am referring to."

There was no answer.

Pinky was furious and ended all questions. "You were approached by a sister and you did not hug her!!!"

The crowd broke into loud conversation. "How could she," one girl said. "She must suffer," another yelled. Pinky called for order and continued with the trial.

"Do you deny these allegations?" she asked.

"I was late for class," the accused said in defense.

"Class? Did you say class?" Pinky asked unbelievably. "You should know that nothing comes above this sorority especially something as trivial as class."

There was a loud cheer of approval for Pinky's statement. Accused girl broke down into more tears. "You are guilty and must be justly punished," Pinky said.

What would happen to her, I wondered. Would they kick her out of the sorority? Would she be sentenced to a life without this kind of love? No, those pale in comparison to what Pinky had in store for the girl.

"You are hereby sentenced to a whole weekend without attending any fraternity parties, socials or any other events that we will all attend."

There was a gasp from the crowd. "I am not finished," Pinky roared. "You will also be forced to never make another 'We love the Landing sign."

The prisoner fell to her knees. "No, its too much," she cried.

This was more than even this blood thirsty crowd could stand. Then as one the crowd began to call for "Mercy, Mercy." It was like a twisted version of Braveheart. Pinky silenced them with a wave of her hand.

"My decision stands," she said. "Let this be a lesson to you all. Follow the rules set forth by all of The Great Pink Ones before us and all will be well. Stray from the path and you will be sorry. This I promise."

Pinky walked down from the platform and parted through the crowd her cloak billowing behind her. Then as quickly as it had started, it ended. The platform was disassembled, and all traces of the meeting were erased. It all took less than two minutes, and then everyone was gone, and I was alone.

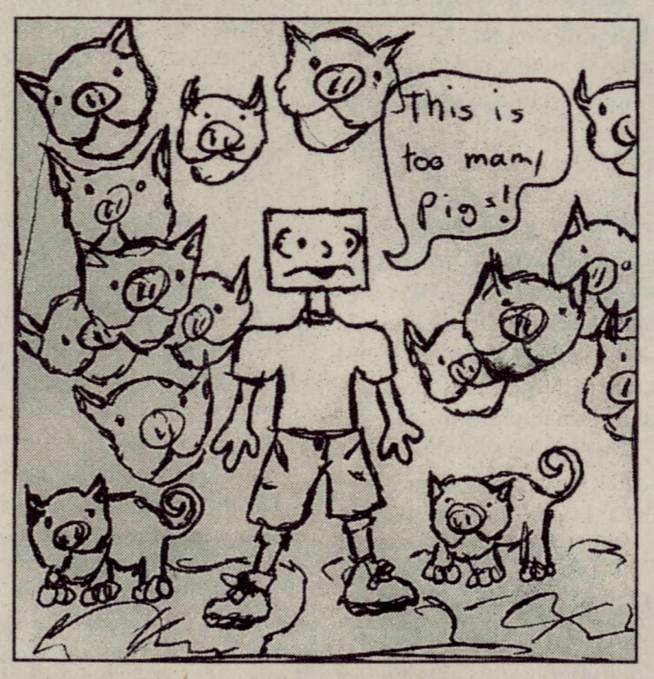
I stepped out from behind my cover and fell to my knees and said thanks for not being discovered. Who knows what they might have made me do if I were caught. I could have been forced to watch *Felicity* or the worst punishment of all, listen to a Celine Dion album.

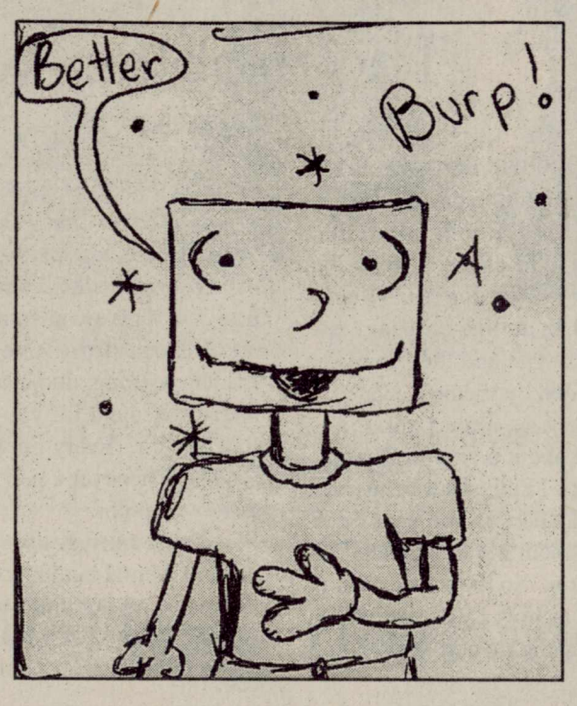
I was not discovered though, and I escaped to tell my story. Like I say this is my ***story,*** believe what you will about it, but just remember the next time you are delayed in a crowded area on campus due to two sorority girls hugging, it is not their fault. They must appease The Great Pink One or the other appropriate sorority ruler. If they don't, they could suffer the most horrible punishment of all . . . being banished from the Pinnacle. Aaaaaaahhhhh!!!!!!!!!

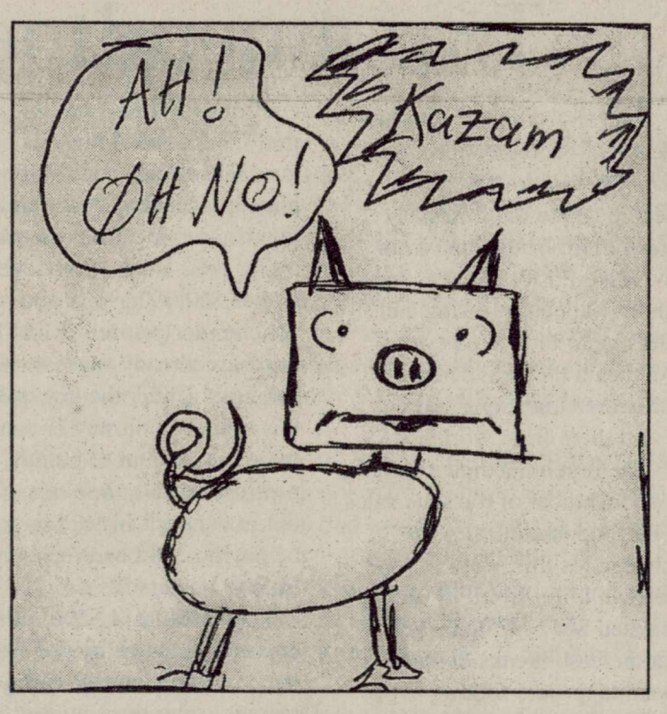
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Signs, Signs, Everywhere a Sign

"Who's line is it anyway?" Well, it's the Student Affairs Board's line, and yes, that is a contraction for "who is." In the words of Five Man Electrical Band's song "Signs," these signs are indeed "messing with my mind." Sadly, this large, bold-print poster hanging in the stairwell of Keyser Hall is not the only example of such a lack of basic English education.

Another sign hung on the billboards of Keyser proclaims, "Refernces" are available for "seamstry work." I suggest that this seamstress-in-training get his/her hands on a spellchecker for Microsoft Word so that s/he might have the two bright red lines beneath these words burn into their retinas as they are into mine.

And perhaps the Alcoholics Anonymous group that asked whether you "automatically take afternoon classes because you know you'll be to hung over to go to early morning classes" were, indeed, suffering a massive hangover when they used "to" in place of "too." According to The Everyday Writer "too means also" (pg. 190). To, however, is used after where (i.e. where should I go to in order to receive help with my writing?)

Well, you can go to the Writing Center. We're open from 9:00-4:00 Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:00-4:00 Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 9:00-3:00 Fridays. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments are preferred! I'm sure any of the fine young tutors working there will be happy to help you out when you decide to publicly display your writing on campus again.

Shane Erath

Editor's Note: I purposefully made no corrections to the above article. It was reprinted as it was originally received by the staff of *The Current Sauce.*

A woman's voice

Can someone please tell me what is wrong with our men today? They think they can approach you, say something as redundant as, "You are so beautiful, may I have your number," and expect us to give them our number and more than that. Guys think just because they are slightly cute and they can make complete sentences, we are supposed to jump into bed with them! Let me tell you something fellows, one little tired line is not going to get you in the sack. You need to come correct [sic]. Be sweet and respectful. A real woman does not want to hear all of the B.S. [sic]. So, in the future, please think before you speak.

Shannon Hymes

Republican Politics

This November, young Americans have a chance for change. By voting for George W. Bush for President, we can change the direction of America by providing a fresh start after a season of cynicism.

Governor Bush has a record of bringing positive change. He has been a leader in Texas. Not just a Governor. Not just an elected official. But a leader. He has set the agenda and defined the policy debate in Texas. He has listened to the common sense of his values while looking for common ground with his peers. He has proven to be a leader who doesn't read the polls, he leads the polls. He articulates a compassionate conservative agenda and invites people of good faith in all parties to join him. He changed his state by changing people's minds, one Texan at a time.

This is a man who is committed to united people, rather than dividing them. After a season of cynicism, Governor Bush offers a fresh start with his unifying style of leadership. On November 7, I hope you will take advantage of this chance for a change by voting for Governor George W. Bush for President.

I also hope you'll help put Governor Bush in the White House by joining "Northwestern State University Students for Bush-Cheney." We have volunteer opportunities at every level.

From organizing dormitories, to writing letters-to-the-editor, to canvassing local neighborhoods, to helping plan our campus campaign, we can use as much or as little of your time and talent as you're willing to give. If you're interested, please don't hesitate to contact me by email at StudentsforBush@dustinfloyd.com or by phone at (318) 357-2342.

Thanks for taking the time to read this, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,
Dustin Floyd
Volunteer Campus Director, NSU Students for Bush-Cheney

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The Human Mistake:

Part Two

I Hate Chemical Dicipline
Sauce Transmitter

When we last left our hero, he had just completed a self-mutilatory outburst that landed him square into a juvenile mental facility.

I am sure that quite a few of you readers have seen the inside of one of these places; they are cold and antiseptically clean. They are full of two kinds of people, those who walk around looking sad and disheveled, and the others, bright friendly people in shiny white uniforms.

This was not a public hospital; this was a private agenda. I didn't have to worry about the criminally insane. I suppose my parents figured it would only be a matter of time before I would have to spend some time in a restful place, so we had insurance to cover it.

The first room of this building was a very tasteful brick waiting room with warm pleasant lighting. My parents signed some piece of paper and a large blond guy led me through a progression of doors. The only thing I remember about these doors is that they required a code to be punched into a numerical keypad, and that all of the doors locked behind us.

I kept wondering about the possibility of there being a fire. I would imagine a huge blaze chasing us, filling a room and some orderly trying to save a bunch of pissed off dysfunctional children who were attempting suicide by running into the smoke and the nurse (orderly, etc.,) can not remember the code to let us out of the room!

After about fifty doors with keypads, I enter the room where I will be spending the next 35 days. They sat me in a desk and drew some blood. Twice a day, they would draw some blood. I got over my fear of needles very quickly.

Next, they took off all of my clothing and asked me about the various little cuts on my body. I told them that the cuts were mostly self-inflicted. They nodded and wrote something down on a form; they did that a lot.

From there, I visited the unit head doctor and after five minutes of looking at a form I went from being a kid with attention deficit disorder and hyperactivity to a bipolar case. I was taken back to the nurses' station and taken off of the Ritalin so I could begin to take three different kinds of anti-depressants.

My mental health diagnosis changed rather erratically depending on the doctor I was talking to, but for the next couple of years, I was a lithium zombie.

Next week, life with messed up little kids.

An addendum to the human mistake

The problem with chemical discipline

You might have read the first issue of "the human mistake" last week and wondered, "OK, So what's the point?" .Honestly, I still don't know for sure. I have planned an outline of what I am going to write and the "points" are divided by themes. For example, Last week I talked a little bit about being on Ritalin, this week I talk about being on Lithium, and this and next week will be about me in a mental institution. So the theme then is defined as how I was partially raised by the mental health community.

There. Now you have a point. I think the opinions page of *The Current Sauce* should also spark debate among the newspaper reading community so now I will give you something to argue about. I will give you the reader a strong, uneducated, angry statement for you to hate or love me for. Every once in a while. Whenever I feel like you deserve a point.

To the nitty gritty. The current mental health community is destroying our children. How is that? Angry yet? I don't say this without reason. I also blame negligent parents. Rather than attempt to properly parent a child with love and discipline, they run to some head shrinker to pass out little pills to control their behavior. It is so much easier than helping a child become a productive adult through patience and effort as a parent. The modern psychological and psychiatric community is too happy to oblige these lazy parents with quick fixes to try to justify their bloated useless existence. I was on Ritalin as a young boy. I did not have attention deficit disorder. Basically they gave a grade school kid large amounts of speed on a daily basis until he was suicidal. Then I went to another doctor who said "this kid is insane, let's give him drugs to slow him down." So I became an apathetic, unfeeling zombie. It wasn't until I voluntarily stopped taking prescribed mood altering drugs altogether that I began to feel like a human being at all. The medical community needs to gut the children's mental health division before they distort entire generations of future leaders. There's a point. Fight amongst yourselves.

Two amendments, two problems

This November, Louisiana voters will get the opportunity to pass judgement on two proposed amendments to the Louisiana Constitution. Both come from Gov. Mike Foster's office. And both may appear pleasing and beneficial to the naked eye. Underneath they have many unanswered questions that will prevent them from working.

The first amendment calls for the abolishment of the state sales tax on food and utilities. In exchange for this, state income taxes would be raised by an estimated $642 million a year. That increase breaks down to around taxpayers forking over another several hundred dollars at the end of the year. Proponents of the plan try to not talk about the increase of income taxes and glorify that consumers will save around $436 million without the sales tax. The problem with the whole plan is that people have control over their sales tax. But they can't control their income tax. Individuals control the amount of money spent and goods purchased. Income tax is out of their hands. Someone who makes $40,000 a year and watches very closely what they purchase already saves money on sales tax. Under the new plan, this same person will be making the same amount of money, but now not be able to save as they did in the past. Instead they will be paying extra and receiving little to no benefits.

An estimated $200 million is expected to be generated from the increase. This money will go to increase salaries of public schoolteachers and college faculty. To his credit, one of Foster's main sticking points in his time as governor has been increasing teacher salaries to the southern average. This plan, however, is questionable because according to high-ranking Foster aides, teachers will definitely not see a raise this year and a concrete date is not set. It could even be argued that this is only on the table as a stalling tactic to prevent teachers from striking this fall.

The second amendment calls for the elimination of the state Department of Economic Development in favor of a publicly funded yet privately owned office titled Louisiana Inc. Like the tax policy, this plan has question marks all over it. Basically what La. Inc. will do is try to lure new business to the state. The group, because of the way it is structured, supposedly will not be hampered by bureaucratic dealings and be able to produce more efficiently. While it sounds good, many things seem wrong with it. Publicly funded yet privately owned? Does that not seem strange? It has no restrictions on it save for complying with the governmental ethics code. They can channel funds in any manner they wish. They can deal with polluters or any other such business they choose. Also this office will give the governor too much power. He or she will be able to either appoint representatives to Louisiana Inc.'s ruling board or directly pressure the people who can make the appointments. Once the governor has all the power, any efforts to limit it will be vetoed.

These plans are not what they seem. They have a lot of bells and whistles, and they seem good at first. But after all the political maneuvering and eye candy is stripped away all that Louisiana taxpayers are left with is more of the same.

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"Current Quotes"

Are you going to drop any classes this semester?



I'm going to try and not drop any classes, but the most I will drop is one.

Sarah Griffith, Senior



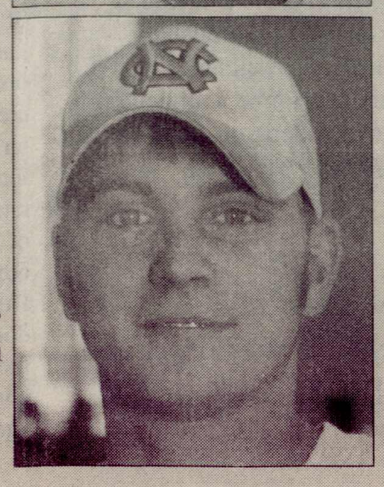
I hope not to drop any or I'll never get out of here!!!

Molly Beach, Junior



I'm not going to drop any classes this semester. I'm on a mission, I can't give up.

Kiki Junior, Sophomore

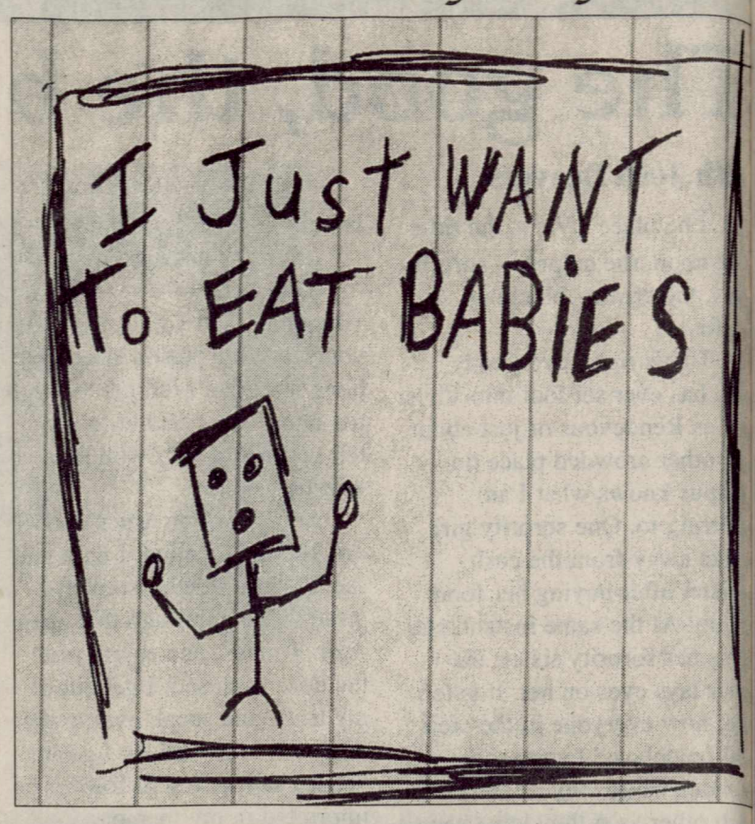


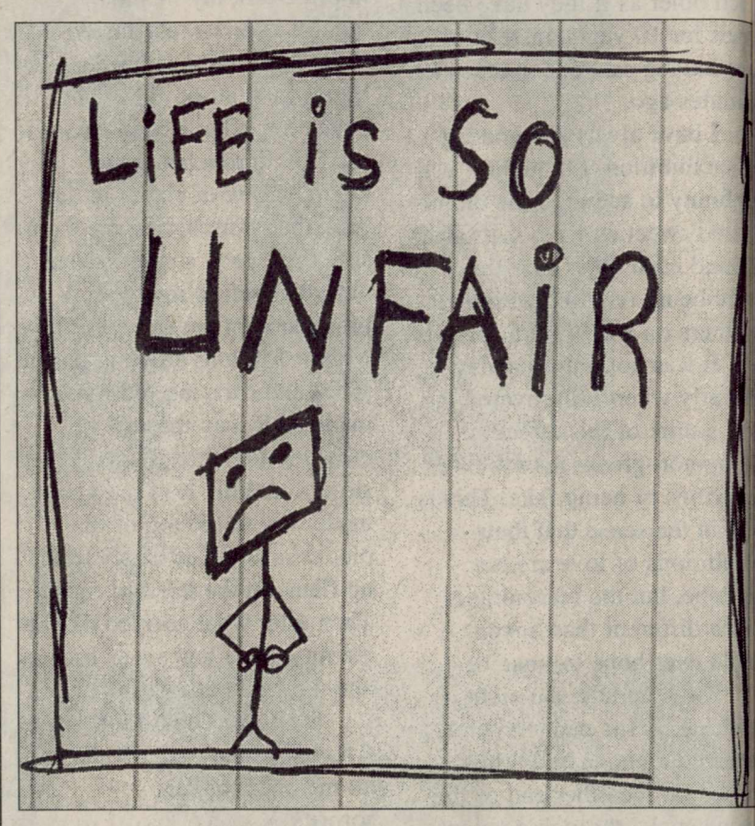
I did not know that you could drop a class.

David McCoy, Freshman

Loving Harmony

By Tony Blanco





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Louisiana's budget woes

Mary Freeman
Opinions Editor

Louisiana has a problem, and for once it is not Edwin Edwards.

Going into the 2001-02 fiscal year, the state is projected having a $217 million shortfall with little hope to raise any more money. However, the problem lies not in the inability of the state to make money, but how the state spends and measures its revenue.

Louisiana ranks second in the South in the number of people who lack access to primary medical care. However, Louisiana has more than two and a half times more hospitals per capita than the national average.

Louisiana has more state employees than its sister states. State employees number 216 per 1000 people. Texas has 136, Mississippi188 and Arkansas has194 employees out of 1000 people.

The list of inefficient spending does not stop there. Education and corrections are two other areas where increased spending has not brought the state the wanted results in conjunction with the Southern averages in the two areas.

The problem, according to Legislative Fiscal Officer Johnny Rombach, is that "Louisiana dedicates an abnormal amount of its revenues, which are then no longer classified as state general fund taxes."

The fiscal office uses a broader method, which includes all monies paid by citizens.

By this standard, Louisiana ranks fourth in the South and 29th in the nation in total per capita state revenue, according to Rombach.

The citizens of Louisiana cannot afford to provide the state with hard-earned cash to be squandered by out-dated legislation. The people should not be asked to do this. If the status quo. is not met, then more inventive, or efficient, methods need to be developed to save the people from the government.

There needs to be a war on bad, ineffective government. Changes need to be made before Louisiana becomes to antiquated to be of any use than that of a fossil of bad government.

If not, then perhaps we should all pack up and move to Texas.

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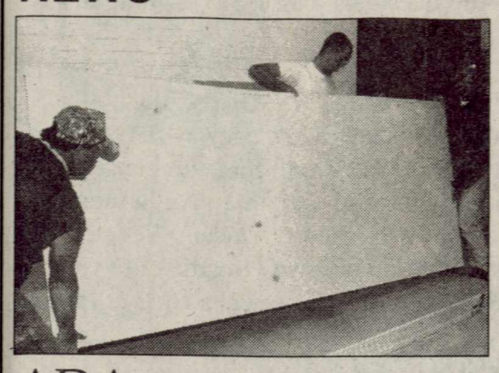
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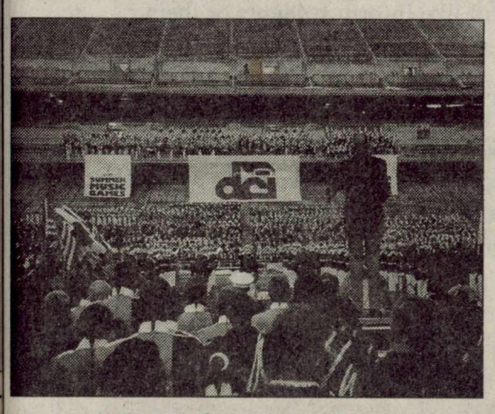
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Dixon leads fall student elections

Runoff to determine Mr. NSU, Miss NSU and sophomore senators

By Raymond Williams
Sauce Reporter

The results of last week's election are in.

Students had the opportunity to vote on Wed. 20 and Thurs. 21 for the 2000 Homecoming Court, Mr. and Miss NSU and class Senators.

SGA Vice President, Rusty Broussard, said there was a voter turnout of about 900. Although booths were set up in two locations, Broussard said the number is average for fall elections.

Senior general studies major Virginia Dixon was elected Homecoming Queen.

"It is such an honor to be elected to this," Dixon said. "It makes me appreciate the person that my parents raised."

Allison Bishop, Allison Bulot, Casey Crowder, Sarah Griffith, Jamie Hughes, April Jordan, Michelle Meyer, Allison Nunley, Jennifer Paul



Dixon

and Stacey Thompson made the 2000 Homecoming Court.

There is a run-off between JaJuan Allen and Mark Bulot for Mr. NSU. Also, Tasha Jackson and Camille Nunez are in a run-off for the title of Miss NSU.

Jackson said the nomination for Miss NSU was an honor for her.

"I honestly didn't think I had made it," Jackson said.

In the past, two Senators were elected for each class. However, a bill was passed last year, which allows election of three Senators.

Kimberly Dickerson, Elizabeth Hughes and Shelly Smith were elected as Freshman Senators. Dustin Matthews won outright for Sophomore Class Senator. There will be a run-off between Chante' Belard, Stacey Cosby, Shymika Stephenson and Brian Wilkinson for the final two positions.

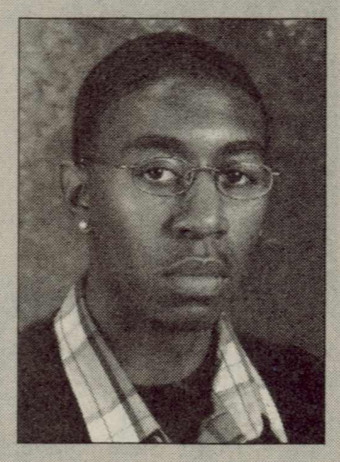
No one applied for the Junior Class Senator position, so the SGA is still accepting applications.

Only three seniors applied for the Senator position, meaning all three received the title.

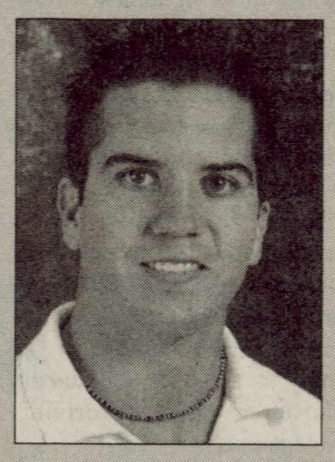
Run-offs began yesterday and will end today. Polls are located upstairs in the lobby of the Student Union. Students can vote between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

for a complete list of winners see page 3

Mr. and Miss NSU Runoff candidates



JaJuan Allen



Mark Bulot



Tasha Jackson



Camille Nunez

Today is final day to vote. For a complete list of winners, see page 3



Many college students have to work their way through their years in school. Junior Deanna Shelton (top) works as a hair dresser in a local beauty shop.

STORY BY STEPHANIE DANBY, PHOTOGRAPHY BY COURTNEY PAYNE

Working their way through college

For many students, college is not an option. Because so many employers in today's job market are making a college degree mandatory, these students know they must study in order to succeed. Lucky for them, their family is financially able to take care of college's costly tuition fees. But what about the student with a head full of dreams and empty pockets? Is college an option? Absolutely.

The University offers a diverse variety of financial aid assistance to all students in need. Most students take advantage of the student loan program, making it the number one type of financial aid assistance used by University students.

"It helps me to just come to college, period," Rebecca White, junior fashion merchandising major, said. "That's how I pay for my housing, my food, transportation and books. Without it, I wouldn't be able to come to school at all."

Melanie Robinson, junior elementary education major, said her student loan is her only ticket to a college education.

"Without my student loan," Robinson said. "I wouldn't be going to school right now."

Although access to student loans is the only education option for these students, several other University students said they would take on a part time job in return for a college education.

"If I couldn't get my student loan," Marla Jones, senior nursing major, said. "I'd have to work and be a part time student."

It's the "part time" student position that Jason Gisclair, junior criminal justice major, fears would cause a decrease in his GPA.

"My student loan pays expenses that I would otherwise have to get a job to cover," Gisclair said. "A job would cut into my study time, and my grades would ultimately suffer. I can't risk that. Those grades are why I'm here."

Student loans are not the only financial aid assistance making University students lives a little easier. Pell grants also carry many students' financial burden, making them the second most common type of financial assistance among University students.

"I'm grateful to receive a full pell grant," Chaz Vandersypen, senior business administration major, said. "If it were not for pell grants, I would have to take out loans. Nevermind, I do take out loans."

Kristi Motter, associate director for compliance and operations, said the University disperses approximately $31 million in student loans and nearly $7 million in pell grants a year.

ULM budget problems bring focus to University's situation

By Windy S. La'Borde
Sauce Reporter

The University of Louisiana in Monroe budget for the 2000-2001 school year was only given tentative approval after the last board of regents overview.

This has caused some to take a closer look at the budget stability of other Louisiana universities, including McNeese State University, Louisiana Tech University and Northwestern State University.

According to figures from the Board of Regents, ULM has suffered a declining enrollment for the past eight years.

One factor for this is the rise in out-of-state tuition, which turns possible students away. This translates to losing 578 students and $800,000 in self-generated revenue, which include tuition and fees paid by students.

However, Northwestern's enrollment has reached an all time high over 1999 despite a rise in out-of-state and in-state tuition, $246 per year.

"We will continue to study the enrollment and decide if that increase is not just a one time thing," Randall J. Webb, president of Northwestern State University, said.

More students are also staying at and graduating from NSU after their freshmen year which is good for the University overall.

"We are graduating more students in a year than ever before," said Webb. "Because of that we need to find ways to replace them."

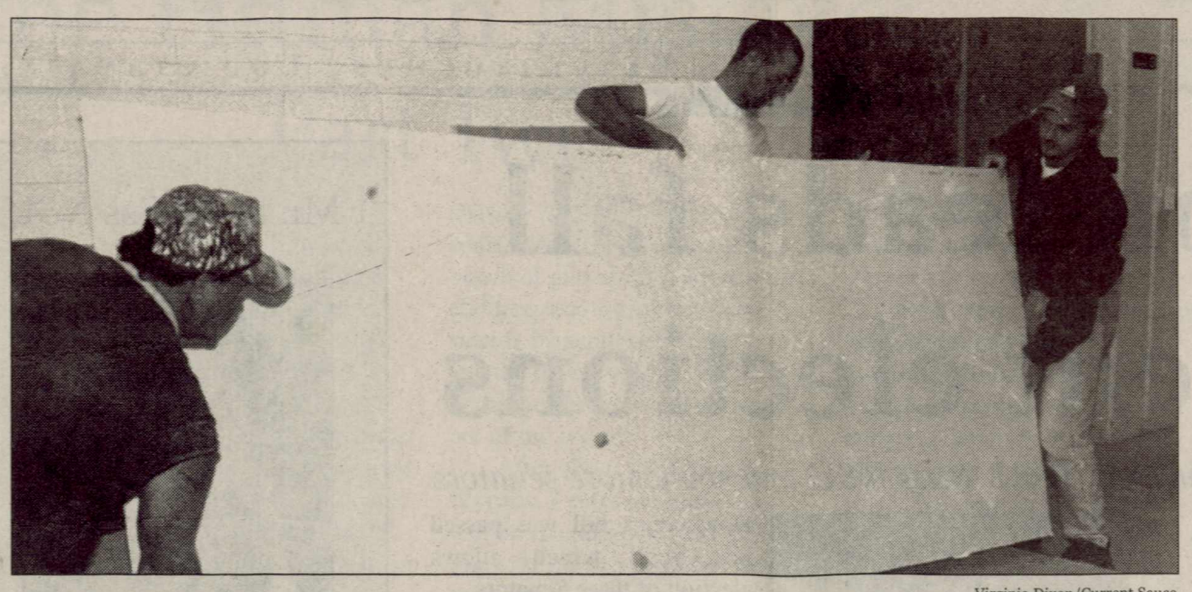
According to Webb, the new freshmen coming in are "exceptionally good students." Good students are more likely to stay in school throughout their entire college career.

All of these factors contribute to the NSU budget projection. The more students coming in, the more money the University makes. The more students that stay, the more money the university keeps.

Overall, Webb believes Northwestern is quite stable financially and in no danger of being in the red, or gaining only "tentative approval."

Campus changes to help students with disabilities

By Bess Renfrow
Sauce Reporter



Virginia Dixon/Current Sauce
Workers prepare the new elevator in the Student Union for its opening. The elevator is being built to accommodate students with disabilities.

Students with certain disabilities will soon find it easier to move around Northwestern.

With the completion of sidewalk curbs in almost every area of campus, disabled students will have a greater freedom of movement. Sidewalk curbs allow students in wheelchairs and with various other disabilities to safely travel from class to class.

Before sidewalk curbs, students confined to wheelchairs had to travel in the streets in order to cross campus. This method of travel was dangerous not only to the disabled student but also to students driving around campus.

The addition of an elevator in the Student Union will also allow for an easier access to the student services located on the third floor.

Construction of the elevator began this fall semester, and the projected finish date is mid-November.

"The completion of this project will be an asset to the Northwestern State University community." said director of student disability services, Steve Hicks.

This elevator will take some burden off of the administration located on the third floor as well. The staff for the student services offered on the third floor will no longer have to meet a disabled student on the second floor in order to speak with them about a certain choice or decision. The elevator will only run from the second to the third floor.

"There was just no room to install an adequate elevator shaft in the first floor" said Mr. Loran Lindsay, director of the physical power plant.

However, there will be a chair-lift from the first floor to the second floor.

There is also a back entrance to the Student Union that is handicap accessible. This project was funded by ADA project funding and is in accordance with ADA standards.

If a student has a disability and needs to speak with Hicks, he can be reached at 357-6950.

Spirit Day to be held Saturday

The Northwestern State University Office of Admissions and Recruiting will host its annual Spirit Day Saturday, Sept. 30.

During Spirit Day, cheerleading squads and dancelines can visit Northwestern and attend a free clinic hosted by the Demon Dazzler Danceline, Purple Pizazz Pom Pon Line and the Northwestern cheerleaders. At the clinic the groups will learn some of the latest cheering and danceline techniques that they can take back to their schools.

Registration starts at 9 a.m. The clinics begin at 10:30 a.m.

The cheerleaders perform at pregame prior to the NSU-Gardner-Webb football game at 6 p.m. in Turpin Stadium and will cheer on the sidelines until halftime. The dance teams perform at halftime.

For more information on Spirit Day, call (318) 357-4503 or toll free in Louisiana (800) 426-3754 or from outside Louisiana at (800) 327-1903.

Campus Connections

NSU CLUB SOCCER
The NSU Club Soccer team is looking for new members.The first informational meeting will be held behind Watson Library. Everyone is welcome. Any questions, call Cesar Isguitt, at 354-6483.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
The SGA would like to tell all students about a few of the programs they are undertaking this school year. Don't forget to pick up your free scantrons, every Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 222 of the Student Union. You will need a student I.D. to take advantage. Also, check out the Book Swap Board while you are there and see if someone has a book you need at a cheaper rate.

WATSON LIBRARY
The staff of Watson Library would like the students of NSU to know about a new service that could help them in their educational growth. For more information, check with the circulation department.

WESLEY WESTMINISTER FOUNDATION
Students can have lunch at the Wesley Westminister Foundation (between Magee's and The Ink Spot) on Tuesday from 11:30 until 1:00. The first visit is free and $1 each time thereafter. Worship services are held from 6:30-7:30 pm each Wednesday.

FRESHMAN CONNECTION
The Office of New Student Programs is pleased to announce scholarship opportunities for qualified Northwestern students. Approximately 20 students will be hired for the Freshman Connection program. Informational meetings will be held in the President's Room of the Student Union on Wednesday, October 4 at 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, October 5 at 3:00 p.m. Interested students must attend one of the informational seminars to be eligible to submit an application.

COLLEGE DEMOCRATS
College Democrats would like inform students of their informational meetings every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union.

SIGMA SIGMA SIGMA
Sigmas, see ya at the pep rally Friday at 10 p.m. Wear school clothes. Don't forget about the Greek Reunion this weekend. Alumni reception at Sigma House from 12 to 2. Feel free to come and socialize. Shipmate party is Sunday. Actives arrive at 5, new members 5:45.

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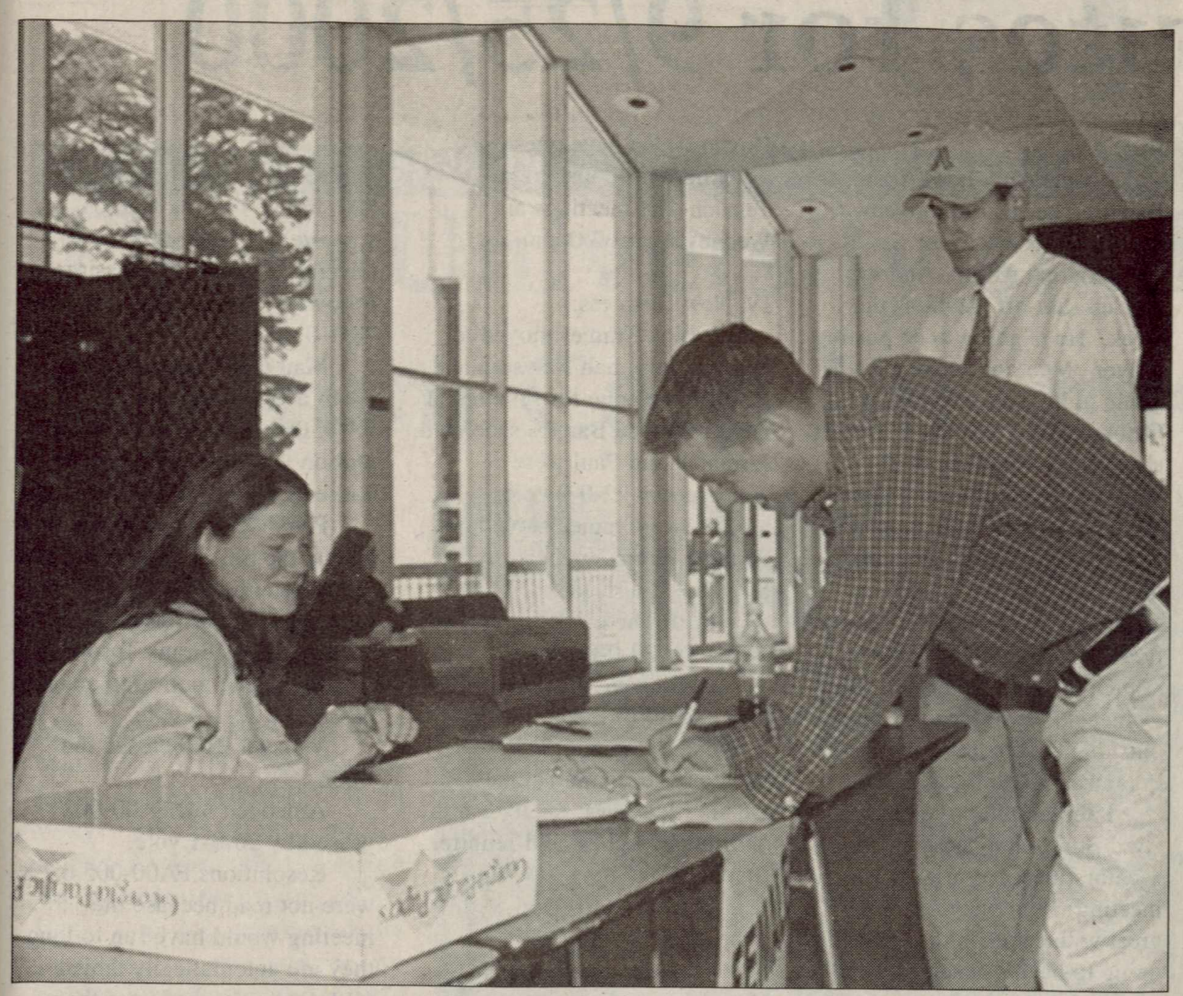
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Courtney Payne/Current Sauce

Students turned out last week in good numbers to cast their votes for Mr. and Miss NSU, Homecoming Court and SGA Senators. Eight hundred and seventy one students voted. There is a runoff for Mr. and Miss NSU as well as sophomore class senator.

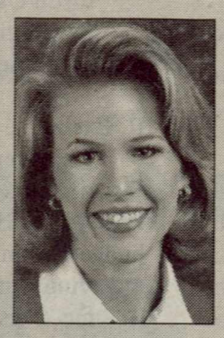
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Allison Bulot



Casey Crowder



Sarah Griffith



Jamie Hughes



April Jordan



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Freshmen Class Senators



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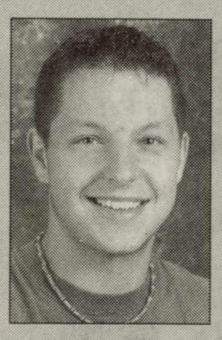


Elizabeth Hughes



Shelly Smith

Sophomore Class Senator



Dustin Matthews

Sophomore Senator Runoff



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Stacey Cosby



Shymika Stephenson

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Brian Wilkinson

Six teachers receive Excellence in Teaching Award

They make countless contributions to the University and their individual colleges. And each year, six are selected by their peers to be honored for their efforts.

This year's recipients of Northwestern State University's Excellence in Teaching Awards will be recognized during Homecoming 2000 activities. They will be presented at a banquet on Oct. 20 and during half-time activities on Oct. 21.

Those faculty members and their respective colleges are: Dr. Vicki Bowman, College of Education; Dr. Christine Ford, College of Liberal Arts; Dr. Frank Serio, College of Science and Technology; Dr. Fraser Snowden, Louisiana Scholars' College; Barbara Webb, College of Nursing; and Dr. Susan White, College of Business.

Dr. Vicki Bowman became an associate professor in the College of Education in 1996 after serving as an assistant professor for four years. Bowman, who passed away in late July, served as the coordinator for student personnel services admissions. Along with her teaching responsibilities, she also served as a counselor for individuals and groups of all ages. Bowman chaired the NCATE Committee on Faculty and the NCATE Committee on Governance.

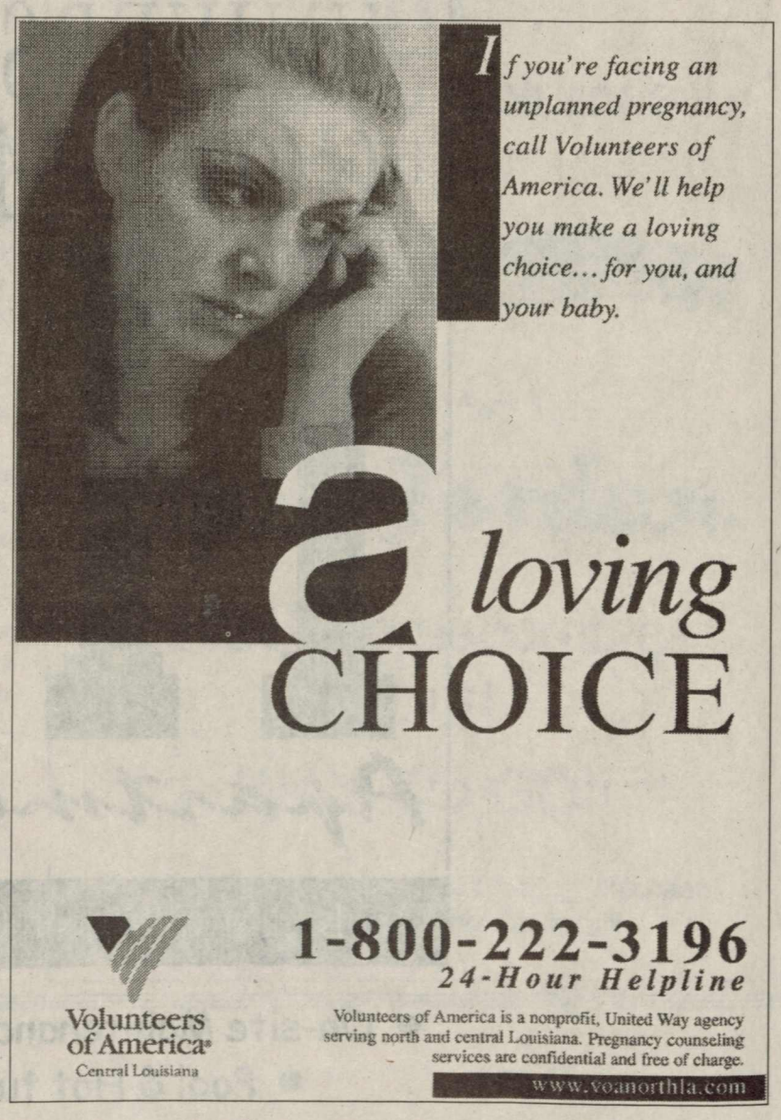
Dr. Christine Ford has been a member of the NSU English faculty since 1989. During this time she has served as the president of the university faculty senate and the director of the English Graduate Program. She also served as the founding sponsor of the campus literary magazine, "Argus".

Dr. Frank Serio is currently the coordinator of the Department of Mathematics at NSU. He has served as associate professor of mathematics since 1998 after serving as assistant professor for six years. His recent publications include research in the area of classroom technology.

Dr. Fraser Snowden began teaching philosophy in the Louisiana Scholars' College at NSU in 1989 after chairing the committee that developed the original proposal for the Scholars' College. Prior to 1989, Snowden served as a professor at NSU for 19 years. His areas of specialization include Eastern Religious Philosophies, Philosophy and Health Care, American Philosophy, Philosophy of Religions, and Great Books.

Barbara Webb is currently the director for non-traditional studies in nursing as well as an associate professor. Her clinical nursing specialties include medical-surgical nursing and nursing administration. She has served as president of Sigma Theta Tau and now served on the Nurses Advisory Counsel for the American Cancer Society.

Dr. Susan White has been an assistant professor in the College of Business since 1994, and is the Hibernia Bank Professor of Business. She has served as the president of the faculty senate, chairman for the J. Walter Porter Forum, and as a member of the University Institution Effectiveness Committee for SACS Self-Study.



University welcomes five new admissions counselors

Five new admissions counselors have been selected at Northwestern State University while a former admissions counselor has been named to a new position, according to Director of Admissions and Recruiting Jana Lucky.

Martha Hooper has been named assistant director of admissions and recruiting and Shade Dufrene, Janay Giblin, Melissa Giering, Gylles Landry and Brandi Starks have been named as admissions counselors. All are graduates of Northwestern.

Hooper has been an admissions counselor at NSU since 1997. She received a bachelor's degree in elementary education. While an undergraduate, Hooper was named Miss NSU. She was also president of Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority, was a member of the Homecoming Court and served as a freshman connector.

"I have enjoyed being out on the road working with students as they make their decision about college. I will miss that aspect of the job," said Hooper. "But I am looking forward to using my experience to assist the rest of the staff. We have an outstanding group who will work well with prospective students and help Northwestern continue to prosper."

Dufrene received a bachelor's in hospitality management and tourism. While a student, Dufrene was a member of Theta Chi Fraternity holding several offices and was a freshman connector for two years, assisting first-year students in their transition to college. Dufrene plans to use that experience in helping attract students to NSU.

"Going from high school to college can be difficult for many students. I want to help them learn what college is all about and help them make that transition," he said.

Giblin earned a bachelor's in journalism with a concentration in public relations. She has experience in planning special events and assisted in a public relations campaign for the City of Natchitoches Utility Department last year.

"Northwestern has a lot to offer students. It has a small town environment and offers a personalized experience," said Giblin. "The classes are small, and teachers care more. They know you by name and want you to receive an outstanding education."

Giering received a bachelor's in mathematics education and taught mathematics at Natchitoches Central High School for two years. In addition to her teaching duties, she was in charge of an extracurricular spirit group.

"It will be extremely fulfilling to help a student get started on their college experience and see them through," said Giering. "I want to show them Northwestern can be a great experience. It has so much to offer. You can get involved in a lot of activities and really get to know other people."

Landry received a bachelor's in hospitality management and tourism. As a student, she was a member of the "Spirit of Northwestern" Marching Band and Purple Jackets. She worked previously at the Residence Inn by Marriott in Clear Lake, Texas.

"I want to help students make what will be one of the most important decisions of their life," said Landry.

Starks received a bachelor's in hospitality management and tourism. She was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi. Starks previously held positions at the Tandy Jackson Agency and Simpatico's and was an intern with the Louisiana Office of Tourism.

"This is one of the best jobs I could have, promoting Northwestern and getting more students to come here," said Starks. "Northwestern is easy to promote because I enjoyed my time here so much and have such a good feeling about this place."

SGA Senate Minutes for 9/25/2000

Student Government Association Meeting 9-25-00

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm.

Roll Call

Present:

David Gunn
Rusty Broussard
John-Michael McConnell
Vanessa Byrd
Andrew Davies
Frank Toro
Wayne Bush
Joni Naquin
Will Hooper
Jennifer Paul
Jack Givens
JaíJuan Allen
Matthew Comeaux
Shaun Jackson
Glenn Ward
Justin Owen
Jessica Cramer
Casey Ponder
Jeremiah Newsom
Paul Montleone
Elizabeth Hughes
Shelley Smith
Dustin Matthews
Jennifer Stevens
Amanda Barrios

Absent:

Dustin Floyd-excused
Leanna Anderson-excused
Jonathan Chance-excused
Shymika Stephenson
Todd Yore

I. The prayer was led by Frank Toro.

The pledge was led by Matt Comeaux.

Andrew Davies moved to amend the minutes to correct the times of the radio show from 11am-1pm to 9am-12pm on Tuesdays.

Amanda Barrios moved to amend the minutes to correct the days the elections were held from Tuesday and Wednesday to Wednesday and Thursday.

Paul Montleone moved to approve the amended minutes.

Justin Owen seconded.

The motion was passed by general consent.

II. Executive Reports:

Treasurer-John-Michael-Fiscal affairs has a new bill FA00-002. He still needs the budgets from organizations receiving student assessed fees. The meetings are Wednesdays at 3:00pm.

Vice-President-Rusty Broussard-Joseph Longlois resigned from SGA. Thanks to everyone who helped with the elections. The run-off elections are Wednesday and Thursday from 8-4pm. The next home game is against Gardner-Webb. The Supreme Court meeting is Wednesday at 2:00pm. The tennis courts are now open and lighted on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

President-David Gunn -I have appointed Jamie Hughes to the newly vacant position on the Supreme Court.
-I am appointing Jeremiah Newsom and Paul Monteleone to the open at-large seats on the Senate, all other appointments for these positions will be made after run-off elections.
-I met with Dr. Webb regarding the resolution that was passed last week pertaining to parking fee fines and the general fund: (results of meeting)
-I met with representatives from LaCapitol State Credit Union last week, and they would like to enter into an agreement with the SGA that would allow all NSU students to become members of the credit union. This would be another good service for our SGA to provide, and the controllerís office is currently reviewing their contract before I sign it. Also, if anyone has any questions about this service, please ask. I would like to see a motion made in new business in the form of an endorsement from the senate.
-I have a facilities management meeting tomorrow. This committee makes decisions regarding the maintenance and repair of buildings, roads, and other physical structures on campus. If anyone has anything that they would like for me to bring up before this committee, please talk to me after the meeting.
-Rusty and I were able to attend some of the interviews for two new positions that STAT created this summer. We only agreed to fund these two new positions if a hiring committee was formed that was composed of a majority of student reps. Shymika and Matt need to meet with Rusty and I after the meeting to agree on a time for the four of us to look over the interview ratings and decide upon who is to be chosen to fill these positions.
-There will be a cabinet meeting tomorrow afternoon at 4:00pm. If you are a committee or a department head or an executive, please be sure to attend tomorrow.
-COSBP will be held October 9th in Baton Rouge in conjunction with the LACUSPA meeting.
-The senators have been extremely dedicated and hard-working this semester. I am extremely proud of you all because you are making us stronger as an organization. Thank you very much for your hard work.
-I have given emergency status to FA00-002.

III. Department/Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs-Amanda Barrios-The scantron giveaway went well today.

External Affairs-Andrew Davies-Run-off elections this week. He is going to be posting a flyer. Meet the senator day is going to be the second week of October. He is getting bids for t-shirts and is working on the homecoming banner and float.

Club Sports-Matt Comeaux-The meeting is tomorrow after the cabinet meeting. He is sending a letter to other SGA presidents about Club Sports.

Organizational Grants-Matt Comeaux- Have the applications outside of room 214 for organizations to pick up.

Internal Affairs-Vanessa Byrd-She welcomed the new senators(meet her after the meeting). Everyone is doing great with office hours. She is going to have a senator of the month. Reintroducing revamped bill FA00-001 tonight.

Election Board-Joni Naquin-She needs help tomorrow for external affairs. They have to telephone candidates about the election rules.

Student Affairs-Justin Owen-He welcomed the new members. The meeting is Wednesday at 6:00pm. The designated driver program is being discussed. The forum is October 24 in the TV studio.

IM Policies and Procedures-Jeremiah Newsom-The meeting is Thursday at 4:00pm.

SAB non-voting representative-There will be $950 for prizes during homecoming week. Bossier Hall Talent Show is November 9. There will be a playstation tournament in Rapides.

Class Council- The meetings are Mondays at 5:00pm. Talk to Dustin if you have questions.

Supreme Court-Niko Tesvich-The meetings are Wednesdays at 2:00pm.

IV. New Business:

Jessica Cramer moved to approve Jeremiah Newsom and Paul Monteleone for senators at large. Amanda Barrios seconded. Jeremiah and Paul were approved by 22-0-0 vote.

Jessica Cramer moved to approve Jamie Hughes for Supreme Court. Jack Givens seconded. The motion was passed by 22-0-0 vote.

David gave the oath of office to all of the new members Jeremiah Newsom, Paul Monteleone, Jamie Hughes, Dustin Matthews, Shelly Smith, Elizabeth Hughes, and Jennifer Stephens.

Amanda Barrios moved to approve the endorsement between La Capitol and SGA. Shaun Jackson seconded. Discussion followed. The motion was passed by 22-0-0.

Matt Comeaux moved to approve the homecoming reception to cost $412.50. Shaun Jackson seconded. The motion was passed by 22-0-0.

Jessica Cramer read Bill FA00-001. Amanda Barrios moved to approve Bill FA00-001. Jack Givens seconded.

Matt Comeaux moved to amend to delete consistently. Frank Toro seconded. The motion passed by 20-2-0 vote.

Matt Comeaux moved to amend to remove within the office. Jeremiah Newsom seconded. The motion passed by 14-4-3 vote. Discussion followed. The motion to approve bill FA00-001 failed by 16-4-1 vote.

Jennifer Paul left the meeting.

Jack Givens read the bill FA00-002. Frank Toro moved to approve bill FA00-002. Jack Givens seconded. Discussion followed. The motion passed by 20-1-0 vote.

Matt Comeaux moved to recall a hasty decision on bill FA00-002. Paul seconded. The motion was passed by general consent.

Paul Monteleone moved to amend the bill as to be presented to the committee of organizations for further consideration.î Frank Toro seconded. The motion to amend passed by 20-1-0 vote.

Vanessa Byrd closed the floor.

Amended bill FA00-002 passed by 20-0-1 vote.

Resolutions FA00-005,6,7,8 were not read because the meeting would have run to long they are automatically tabled (senators must read over them before next weeks meeting)

V. Old Business:

Justin Owen and Matt Comeaux rescinded Resolution FA00-004.

Andrew Davies read Resolution FA00-003. Amanda Barrios moved to approve FA00-003. Jeremiah seconded. Discussion followed. The motion was passed 20-0-1 vote.

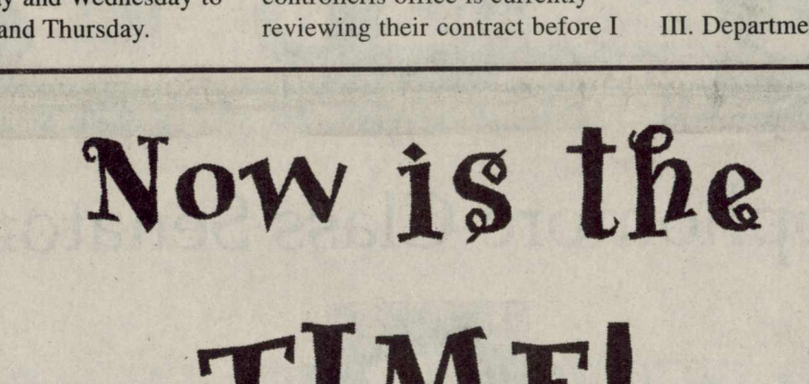
VI. Announcements:

Rusty Broussard-Make sure everyone signs paper for elections.

Vanessa Byrd-New SGA senators meet in 222.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

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Three University students drum up success at Drum Corp International during summer

By Missy Dupreast
LIFE Reporter

This past summer three NSU percussionists- Melissa Gilliam, Wendy Grissom, and Nic Milliner- had the honor of marching DCI. DCI (Drum Corp International) is a very prestigious music organization that, since its development in 1977, has had tremendous influence on marching bands and drum and bugle corps world-wide.

DCI consists of many corps that are placed among three divisions according to size. Musicians between the ages of fourteen and twenty-two can try out for the corp of their choice at audition and rehearsal camps that are held throughout the winter and spring. If selected, they are sure to have an unforgettable summer full of rigorous rehearsing and competing nation-wide.

Auditions begin with basic warms and move up to more complicated show music to make the final cuts. Tension begins to build as the final selection process for Corp membership is made. According to Nic Milliner, there is a certain degree of nervousness because of the time and money that has already been put into auditioning, but Wendy Grissom added that you cannot show your nervousness.

"You have to be confident. If you show that you are nervous, that's how they weed you out,"Grissom said.



Photo courtesy of Missy Dupreast
Band members perform this past summer at Drum Corp International

Grissom was very excited to find out that she had made the corp since it was her last year of eligibility. Nic was relieved to earn a spot on the Cavaliers (1st division corp) bass drum line, but the nervousness wasn't over yet. "I made it...but can I handle it?" Grissom and Gilliam both made Phantom Regiment's (also 1st division) pit, or front line ensemble.



Photo courtesy of Missy Dupreast
NSU student Nic Milliner steps in time as he plays the drums.

Previous experience helped these musicians. Milliner and Gilliam had auditioned for Drum Corp before, so they had a good idea of what to expect. Grissom had not auditioned before, but previous training and the ability to adapt carried her through.

Making the cut was only the beginning. Rehearsals began early in the morning, a forty-five minute to one hour lunch break was given, and rehearsals started again. After the afternoon rehearsal, Melissa explained that the Corp had an hour and a half to eat, shower, and load (personal items and musical equipment). The buses were boarded and they hit the road for performances. On average, the corps played sixty shows within seventy-five days for audiences of around 40,000.

After many intense rehearsals, the time had come for the first performance. Milliner's first performance was a memorable one. In the third song, he told me, part of the drill called for a backward march at 192 beats per minute. During that march, Nic tripped backwards, fell with his bass drum, and ripped his pants!

Grissom and Gilliam had better luck with their first performance. There was nervousness, but they played everything like they had done in rehearsals and performed successfully.

Tension rose as final competitions rolled around. Everyone remained focused and performed a phenomenal show. Phantom Regiment finished 4th in drums and 7th overall, and the Cavaliers finished 1st both in drums and overall. Milliner, Grissom, and Gilliam were all very excited about the final outcome.

Jazz legend set to play NSU

Jazz legend Mynard Fergusan will be the main attraction in the NSU Jazz Orchestra's 2000-2001 concert season. The concert will feature Fergusan and will be held in the A. A. Fedricks Auditorium on Feb. 6.

The concert season begins on Monday, Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall. The Associate Professor of Music Galindo Rodriquez will direct the orchestra. Other performances are set for Nov. 13, Feb. 4-5 and April 18. The group will also perform at the annual Lady of the Bracelet pageant Feb. 2.

Fergusan's performance of the finale of Trumpet Extravaganza II will include a recitas with alumnus Ray Vasquez and Mike Williams on the 4th and the 5th of Feb.

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Spotlight: Meet Virginia Homecoming Queen Virginia Dixon

By Heather Patton
Life Reporter

The University's 2000 Homecoming Queen, Virginia Dixon, says she feels honored to be queen of the court this year.

"It wasn't something I was running for," Virginia said. "It wasn't something I was looking to achieve, but I'm very honored to be homecoming queen. I'm proud to be representing Northwestern."

Virginia is a senior general studies major from Abbeville, La. and is the oldest in her family. She has one younger sister. While growing up, her parents provided a very strong support system.

"My parents told me to be sweet to everyone," Virginia said. "They said that if I have a problem with someone, I should just go to them and talk. It's helped me in several conflicts that I've had before. My parents are supportive in anything I do and go out of their way to help me in any way they can. My parents taught me to have a great respect for others, and I thank them for all they've taught me."

Virginia's attitude towards other people shows in her interactions with others during the interview. S seems to have a style of her ow. which includes many different types of hats.

Even though it was typical in her hometown for kids to go to LSU when they graduated high school, Virginia felt that Northwestern was the best kind of place for her .

"When I came here to Northwestern, I didn't know anybody," Virginia said. "I got involved in different things and made role models for myself. I did things that my role models were involved in."

Virginia feels that coming to college was a goal that seemed unrealistic at first. Early on, she thought she would quit college, but she ultimately she stuck through with the University.

"I realized that school was a realistic goal for me," Virginia said. "When I look back on my college career, I will have no regrets, because I did what I thought I couldn't."

Virginia has been a member of Tri Sigma for four years, a Freshman Connector for two years and in Purple Jackets and National Order of Omega for one year. She also has a student job taking pictures for the newspaper and the yearbook, *The Current Sauce* and *Potpourri*. Since working on these staffs, taking pictures has become a hobby for her.

When she graduates this May, Virginia plans to go into pharmaceutical sales.

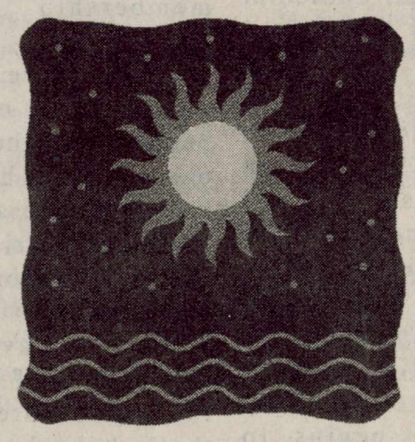
"I like to travel, and I like the pace of that kind of job," Virginia said. "It's a job where you're constantly on the go, and you get to meet other people. I talked to others that have done it, and it seemed interesting to me."



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She never compromises, love babies and surprises, wears high heels when she exercises, ain't that beautiful. Well she wants to be the Queen Meet Virginia

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Sports

Soccer team picks up big road win vs. Louisiana-Monroe

Sauce Staff reports

The Demon soccer team improved to 3-1 in conference play after a 3-0 win over Louisiana-Monroe tuesday night.

With the win, the Demons move into a tie with Southeastern Louisiana and Southwest Texas. The Demons face SLU on Sunday in Hammond.

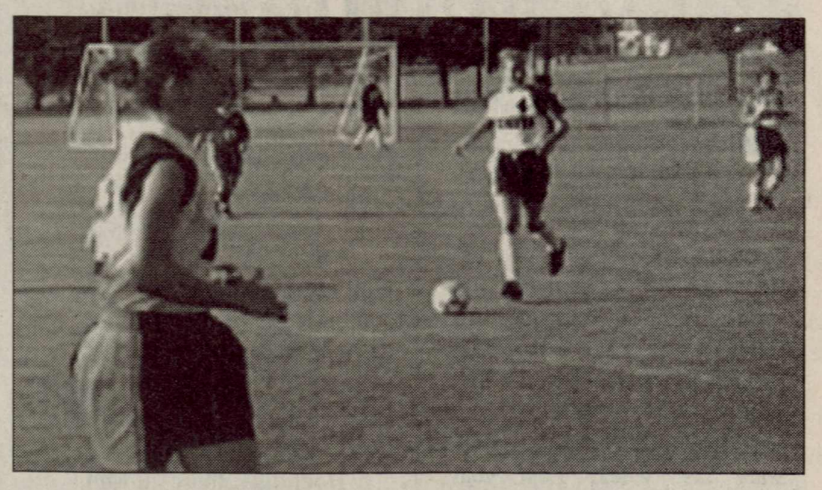
"It was a very exciting win for us," said defensive sweeper Tenille Fogel. "For the first time this season, I felt that we really meshed as a team.

Freshman Nina Myullyuoma shot her second goal of the season just four minutes into the game.

Junior Shannon Tenney netted an unassisted goal 12 minutes into the game. Her goal ties her for second on the team with Brittany Cargill. Tenney then added an assist when she set up Kim Weber for the Demons' second goal of the game at the 51 minute mark.

Although being outshot by the Lady Indians 16-12, the Demons took advantage of thier shots, helping Tiffany Swingler come out with her first shutout of the season and 11th of her career. Swingler notched eight saves.

"Everyone gave a complete effort," Fogel said. "We are very proud to move up to first place in the conference.



Kathryn Latiolais prepares to get the pass from Missy Payne. The Demons picked up thier first road win of the season over Louisiana-Monroe 3-0

Inside Sports:

A look back at last month in Demon soccer and what to look forward to in October.

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Demons 23, Louisiana-Lafayette 21

Demons shock UL-Lafayette at home, 23-21



Terrence McGee runs back the first punt he sees early in the 23-21 win. The Demons won thier second straight game against Louisiana-Lafayette

Gary Hardamon/NSU Press

Demons march 90 yards in final two minutes to pull off the victory

By Brien Hollkamp
Sauce Reporter

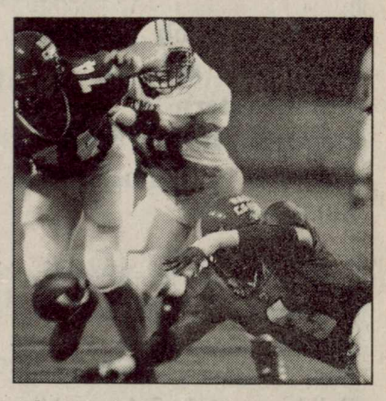
Ben Beach threw the winning touchdown pass to T.J. Sutherland in the last six seconds of the game to beat the ULL Cajuns 23-21.

The play capped off a 16-play, 68-yard drive that started deep in ULL territory after the Cajuns scored a go-ahead touchdown with 2:31 remaining.

After completing a crucial fourth down situation deep in Louisiana-Lafayette territory, Beach, who overcame a sluggish first half, found Tony Taylor for a first down at the 11-yard line.

After working their way back to touchdown range and getting denied by the Cajuns, the Demons finalized their intentions with the winning touchdown pass that surprised Cajun fans and left the considerable Demon following in a frenzy.

"He was cool as a cucumber," first-year head coach Steve Roberts said of Beach. " He kept his poise, he threw on time, and our protection was tremendous."



The Purple Swarm defense kept the Demon offense in striking distance the entire night.

Gary Hardamon/NSU Press

The game started off with a 75- yard touchdown punt return by the Demons' Terrence McGee. After that touchdown in the first quarter, UL-Lafayette got on the scoreboard with a run by Nick Dugas who ran for both of the Cajuns' first two touchdown in the first half.

The Demon offense overcame a sluggish first half, but the Demon defense held the Cajuns to only two touchdown scores while giving the Demon offense good field position.

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Demons move up in the polls; Tony Taylor wins another award

By Mindy Mixon
Sauce Reporter

The Demon's advanced to the fifteenth slot in the Sports Network I-AA top 25 after last Saturday's eye-popping game against the University of Louisiana-Lafayette's Ragin' Cajuns, and tailback Tony Taylor added the Louisiana Sports Writers Association award to his vast collection of honors.

The Demons stand fifteenth in the poll, up five spots from the no. 20 ranking last week and seven spots from the no. 22 they held after a 31-14 win over the Southern Jaguars. They are now preparing to meet up against Gardner-Webb (2-2) Saturday night.

Troy State continues atop the poll with a record of 3-0. After a loss at Northern Iowa, Stephen F. Austin dropped to the 14th position, ahead of the Demon's by only eight votes.

Taylor was named the Louisiana player of the week after running for 139 rushing yards,, including an 11-yard reception on fourth-and-ten at the last minute providing the Demon's winning scoring drive.

Taylor's performance carried him past All-Americans Clarence Matthews and Sidney Thorton into third place on the Northwestern career rushing top ten. Taylor needs 338 yards from overtaking John Stevens as the most productive runner in school history.

Taylor came alive against Lafayette in the second half, where he picked up 201 all-purpose yards, including 139 on 17 carries.

Sports Network Top 25 Poll

1) Troy State	11) UMASS	21) E. Kentucky
2) Georgia Southern	12) Western Illinois	22) North Carolina A&T
3) Youngstown State	13) Villanova	23) New Hampshire
4) Florida A&M	**14) Stephen F. Austin**	24) W. Kentucky
5) Portland State	**15) Northwestern State**	25) N. Iowa
6) Furman	16) James Madison	
7) Appalachian State	17) N. Arizona	**Bolded names denote Southland conference teams.**
8) Delaware	18) E. Washington	
9) Montana	19) Richmoond	
10) Hofstra	20) Lehigh	

LaMark Carter eliminated from triple jump competition

A jump of 54 feet, 3 inches not enough for the former Demon

By Mindy Mixon
Sauce Reporter

Fifteen measly inches - one foot and three inches. Anyway you want to say it, it's not a lengthy distance, unless of course if one is competing in the Olympics triple jump.

After securing second place in the U.S. trials. Carter, however, was unable to advance out of the first round when he failed to meet the qualifying mark of 55 feet, 6 inches.

His qualifying jump peaked at 54 feet, 3 inches which put him 18th place out of 38 contenders.

"I felt great, I just can't explain it," Carter said. "The conditions couldn't have been any better. I can't understand why I was so flat."

In his three attempts, Carter scratched on his first attempt; he missed his mark on the second, and finally jumped for a 54 feet and 3 inches.

Carter continues to look forward and concentrate on the final meet of the year Oct. 5 in Saudi Arabia.

"I'm going to this meet (Saudi Arabia) because it's important for me to finish the year on an up note."

Northwestern track and field coach, Leon Johnson, coached Carter during his college days.

"He was an outstanding overall athlete. He always did what he needed to do to get where he is today," Carter said. "He always had high aspirations."

Johnson feels that Carter has been a source of inspiration for current track members.

"It's not often an athlete accomplishes what he has; he motivates athletes to put in the time and effort," Johnson said.

"The trick is that you have to be very good on the day you compete to medal. That's an unknown that no one can answer," Johnson said. "It is always going to be a guess and favorites don't always medal. Winning gold is nice, but the main objective is being there and competing."

LaMark's quest for gold

Former Demon LaMark Carter finished 12th in the preliminary rounds of the triple jump competition. A finish of 10th or better was required to make the medal rounds.

1st Attempt- Scratch
2nd Attempt- Missed Mark
3rd Attempt- 54 feet, 3 inches

Final- 54 feet, 3 inches

This week in the Southland Conference

Provided by Southland.org

Nicholls State Colonels at Samford Bulldogs- Seibert Stadium (6,700) Birmingham, Ala.

6:00p.m.

Samford has won the last two meetings by a total of five points. The last four meetings between the two have been settled by a touchdown or less. Samford was a 36-16 loser to Southland member Jacksonville State last week. Last year, Nicholls State led 24-21 at halftime before Samford scored the only touchdown of the second half in the third period for a 28-24 win. The Bulldogs managed 382 yards rushing while attempting just four passes against the Colonels. Nicholls' punter Jeremy Thompson ranks second in the Southland with a 44.3 average on 24 punts.

Gardner-Webb Runnin' Bulldogs at No. 15 Northwestern State Demons- Turpin Stadium (15,9 71) Natchitoches, La. 6:00 p.m.

Gardner-Webb is in its first season as an NCAA I-AA program after making the leap from Division II. The Runnin' Bulldogs posted a 7-4 record last season in their final Division-II season. Northwestern State is 3-0 versus teams from the state of North Carolina. The Demons defeated Livingston College, 64-0, in 1958, and Appalachian State on two occasions. The first was a 33-0 blanking in 1963 and the second a 31-20 victory in the 1998 NCAA I-AA playoffs. Northwestern has outscored its three North Carolina opponents 128-20 in the three games

No. 1 Troy State Trojans at South Florida Bulls- James Stadium (41,441) Tampa, Fla. 6:05 p.m.

Troy State ran its record to 3-0 a year ago with a 41-24 win over the visiting Bulls. Ranked third at the time, the Trojans were down 21-14 in the third period when Jimmy McClain intercepted and returned a Marquel Blackwell pass 71 yards for a tying touchdown. Rayshun Reed forced a fumble on the ensuing kickoff and it was returned to the four yard line by Naazir Yamini. Al Lucas then plunged in from four yards out to make the score 27-21 in the span of 20 seconds. TSU plays its final tuneup before beginning Southland play next week at Northwestern State. The Trojans play three of their next four on the road and have a total of seven road games in 2000. Troy State has won 14 of its last 16 games. The Trojans are 70-20 since moving up to the NCAA I-AA level for the 1993 season.

Southwest Texas State Bobcats at Louisiana-Monroe Indians- Malone Stadium (30,427) Monroe, La. 7:00 p.m.

With an open date sandwiched in between, Southwest Texas takes on its second-straight NCAA I-A opponent. The Bobcats dropped a 23-0 decision at Oklahoma State two weeks ago. Louisiana-Monroe has won the last four meetings, but the two have not met since the 1993 season, ULM's last year of play in the Southland before moving up to NCAA Division I-A. ULM defeated Southland member Nicholls State, 27-21.

Gameweek 2000: Northwestern State Demons V Gardner-Webb Runnin' Bulldogs

Everything you may (or may not) have wanted to know about Gardner-Webb University

Eight things about our opponent that we found out just for you

By Leslie Westbrook
Sauce Reporter

This Saturday, the Demons will take on the Gardner-Webb Bulldogs at Turpin Stadium for the first time in the two school's history. Many students,when asked about their knowledge of Gardner-Webb, reply, "Who?"

Hopefully, these "tid-bits" of information about the school will help some students out.

1) Gardner-Webb University is a small Baptist university in Boiling Springs, NC

2) Only about 3,000 students go there, but their tuition is sky-high at $11,660 (that's just tuition)

NSU vs. Gardner-Webb

Saturday, Oct. 2
6:00 p.m.

Students get in free with I.D.

3) Artis Gilmore, the NBA's all-time leading rebounder, played basketball at Gardner-Webb.

4)Gabe Wilkens, now a defensive tackle for the San Francisco 49ers, won a Super Bowl ring as a member of the Green Bay packers several years ago. Wilkens played football for GSU from 1991-1995 and was an All-American.

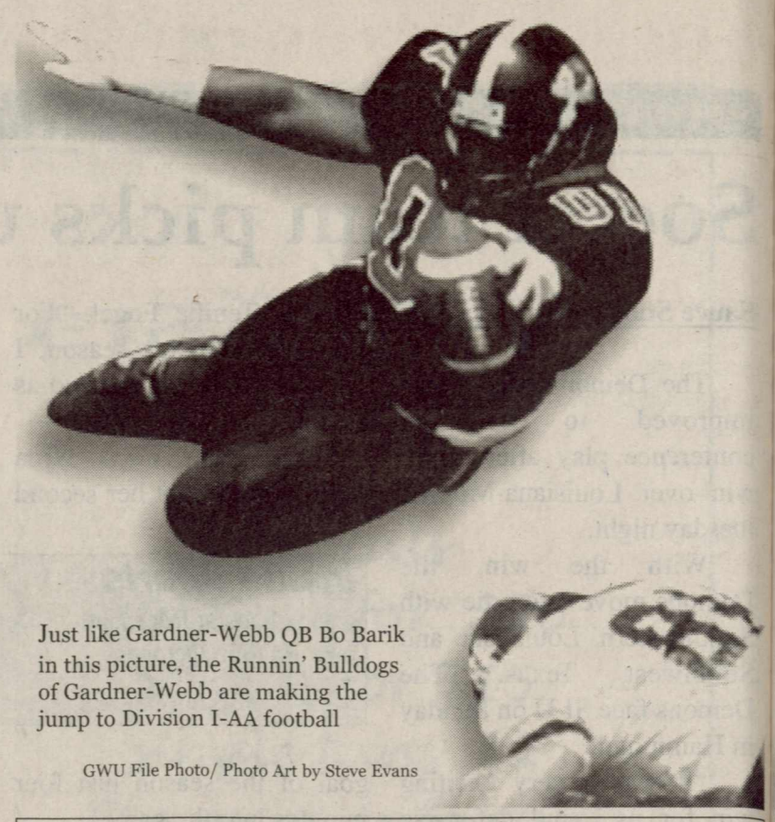
5) GWU played for the NAIA National Championship in football on ESPN in 1992. They lost to a last second touchdown by Ohio's Central State.

6) Gardner-Webb was recently the only school in America to be granted permission by the NCAA to re-classify to Division I over the next two years.

7) Gardner-Webb University is currently one of only two schools in the U.S. that doesn't accept state or federal funding of any kind.

8) *North Carolina Magazine* recently conducted a survey and found that popular opinion said Gardner-Webb University's Spangler Stadium was one of the top five places to watch a college football game in the Carolinas. At least until basketball season.

These are just a few things that shed some light on Gardner-Webb University for the students of NSU. For more information on Gardner-Webb, go to the GWU website, www.gardner-webb.edu.



Just like Gardner-Webb QB Bo Barik in this picture, the Runnin' Bulldogs of Gardner-Webb are making the jump to Division I-AA football

GWU File Photo/ Photo Art by Steve Evans

Tale of the Tape: Bulldogs v. Demons

The Series: This is the first meeting between the two schools. The Bulldogs are in thier first season as a Division I-AA team. The Demons defeated ULL last week 23-21. The Bulldogs lost last week to Mars Hill 27-25

The Demons win if... The offense plays the way it did in the second half last week and like ike they did in the first half. The Demon defense will probably try to rattle the young visitors and force quick three-and-out series'.

Gametime Weather. A slight warmup. Tailgating highs should be around 87 degrees, with gametime temps in the low 80's/ high 70's. No chance of rain. Provided by the weather channel.

THE DEMON FILES
SUBJECT: GARDNER-WEBB

Offense: The "D-Day" Offense is led by QB Jeremy Martin and his talented receiving corp, namely Omar Pharr and Andy Andrews.

Defense: The Bulldogs defense lost many players of a defense that had three shutouts and gave up only 260 yards per game. The secondary could create problems.

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If you were unable to pick up your yearbook last semester, the Potpourri will hand them out at the end of this week. Anyone who has paid student association fees can pick up a yearbook October 4-6 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. in room 225 Kyser Hall.

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Faculty pictures for the 2001 Potpourri will be taken October 17-19 from 8a.m. until 4 p.m. in room 113 of Kyser Hall.

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Soccer wraps up this month; team poised to make a title run

By Cooda Dobin
Sauce Reporter

The first month of Demon soccer is over, and a .500 record puts them in good position for a title run.

"Right now were in the middle of the conference and were where we want to be." said Demon head coach Jimmy Mitchell.

The Demons soccer team took on in-state rival LSU last friday night at the Tiger and lost 3-0. This marked the first game between the Demons and Tigers in two seasons. The Demons played without their leading scorer Brittany Cargill who was out recovering from a bruised ankle.

Despite 11 saves by Demon goalkeeper Tiffany Swingler who kept the Demons in the the Demons were outshot 26-6.

The Tigers had five players with more than three shots.

Shannon Tenney was the only Demon to produce more than one shot.

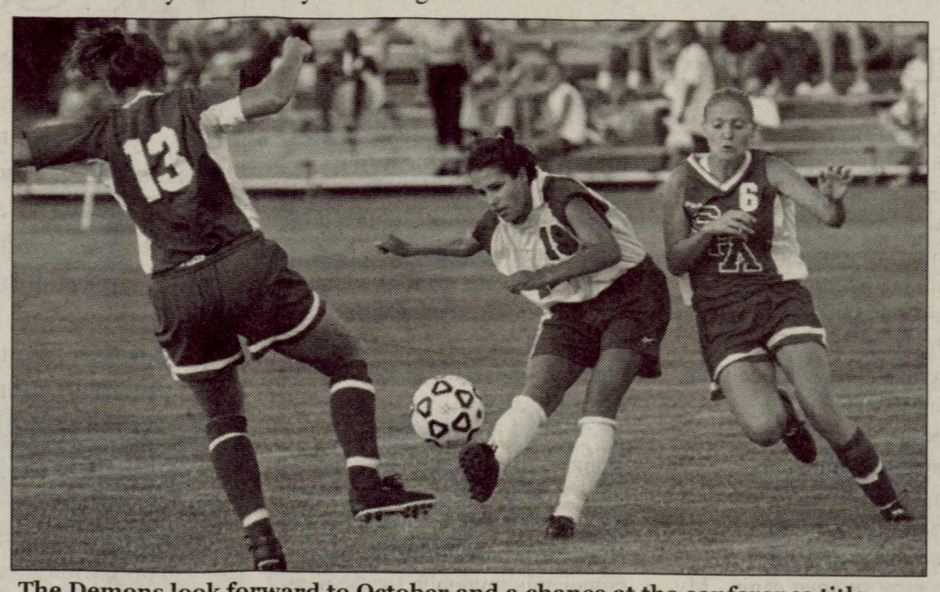
An earlier loss at Southwest Texas and this month gave the Demons thier only conference loss. The Demons did get 16 shots against the Bobcats despite the lost.

Goaltenders Tiffany Swingler and Monica Lovett combined for seven saves on 21 shots, but they allowed two goals.

The most recent 3-1 victory over all-time rival Stephen F. Austin brought the Demons to 2-1 in conference play. The Demons outshot the Ladyjacks 19-9. Tiffany Swingler allowed only one goal for the game while recording four saves.

Brittany Cargill got on the board early by scoring her 12th goal of the season 11 minutes into the first half of the game. That goal put Cargill only one away from breaking the school record of 13 she set in 1998.

Cargill commented "I'm happy the team is supporting me to meet the goals I have set for myself for the year." Cargill also leads the Southland Conference in goals scored, points scored, and shots on goal.



The Demons look forward to October and a chance at the conference title
Gary Hardamon/NSU Press

UP NEXT

The Demons hit the road for some crucial matchups. Check out the Demon schedule.

-Sun. Oct.1 vs SLU @Hammond 2:00

-Wed. Oct 4 vs McNeese @ McNeese 4:00

-Sat.. Oct 7 vs Nicholls State@ Nicholls 2:00

The Demons will return home Oct. 9 against SLU at 2:00. Students get in free with a valid I.D.

Volleyball welcomes October with two home conference matches

By Cooda Dobin
Sauce Reporter

The Demon volleyball team is hoping a little home comfort will do them good, as the Demons are to host two conference games, starting Friday, 7:00 versus Nicholls State University and Saturday 7:00. against Southeastern Louisiana at Prather Coliseum.

"It was an interesting month" said Head coach James Onikeku. "Overall, I give us a B+."

The month of September had its ups and downs. With a pair of home losses in the hands of league-leading McNeese (3-0) and second place Lamar (3-1) the Demons beat last place Louisiana-Monroe. The Demons dominated the first two games but with ten attack errors they allowed the Indians to win the third game. Cathy Herring lobbed 46 assists while Christina Stone and Elizabeth Perez netted 11 a piece.

April George hit a match-high .571 with nine kills and freshmen Aime Garcia recorded a double-double with 10 kills and 13 digs.

Record holder of the school career record in assist, Missy Krause, did not play in the games because of her battle with injuries to her shoulder and wrist. Freshmen back-up Cathy Herring, stepped up for the Demons by averaging 11 assists per game.

"Its real exciting to experience this great role of stepping up as a young player." Herring says

"The freshmen playing okay even though there are freshmen mistakes overall good job." added Onikeku.

Outside hitter Elizabeth Perez leads the Demons in kills and digs while senior middle blocker George leads the Demons with a .351 attack percentage.

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Demons surprise Cajuns with victory at ULL

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all night. At halftime, NSU was down by seven, with the score 14-7.

The Demons came back offensively with a 23-yard pass from Beach to Sutherland which put NSU tied with ULL 14-14. After being denied in the redzone on the next possession, Clint Sanford's 19-yard field goal with 5:40 left in the game gave NSU a 17-14 lead.

The Cajuns answered back with a touchdown which put back in the lead with 21 to NSU's 17.

"It has to give each individual some confidence that we can win games with our backs against the wall," Roberts said. "That builds team confidence. It's one thing to go out and practice the two-minute situation, but it's a lot tougher to execute them in a game."

With the punt return touchdown, McGee became only the second Demon in history to have two punt returns in the same season, with the other being former Demon Jermaine Jones.

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The Human Mistake Part three

God's little hood ornament
Opinions Columnist

The following is the third part of an ongoing series about the life of a Northwestern student.

I am twelve years old. I have just been taken off prescribed speed and have been placed on three different kinds of anti depressants.

As a result, my memory of this period in my life is a little hazy. I think I may have just jinxed myself because right after I wrote that last sentence I suddenly could not think of anything to write about. Wait, never mind, I just thought of something.

I am now sharing a room with a 15 year old drug addict/attempted suicide Metallica fan from Baton Rouge. He tells me about how having a neat appearance is what has turned his life around. He now tucked in his new Hilfiger shirts and vowed never to take too many sleeping pills again. In my little "ward," we had around eight people, more boys than girls. In our particular unit, we had about four drug cases, two suicide attempts and two kids whose rich parents didn't feel like dealing with their destructive behavior. Leave the discipline to the hospital. Medical parenting.

In our particular unit we had about 4 drug cases, two suicide attempts and two kids whose rich parents didn't feel like dealing with their destructive behavior.

Anyway. They had an intercom at this place, and the whole time I was there, all I really wanted to do was get on one of the phones and say something really dumb into the intercom like, "There will be a blue light special on Aisle 23, thank you for shopping K-mart" or "Code Blue, Code Blue!! All available employees to the children's wing immediately!!" You know, something clever.

Living in a ward was pretty much like summer camp, well, group therapy summer camp. My basic routine was, wake up, get a blood test, go to breakfast in the cafeteria, some kind of feelings group, see a doctor, lunch, some kind of nonsense school, more therapy, dinner, relax time, bed. I was just conditioned into thinking that there was nothing really wrong with me and that I should get over myself. That would make me feel defensive and then I would do what I could to prove that there really was something wrong with me. This led to trouble.

After a unusually bad session of hearing "you are only acting crazy to get attention" over and over, one day, I was pretty pissed off at the idea that the feelings I had weren't legitimate. One of the other little kids threw some plastic thing and hit me in the head. It didn't really anger me at all, but I thought for a second and decided that if I through a real hardcore tantrum they would finally believe that I was unwell.

Twenty minutes later I was strapped to a bed with an enormous male orderly sitting on my back giving me a shot of something that would leave me conscious but completely immobile for the next few hours. I didn't try that again. If you learn nothing else from the column, learn that you should never mess with the people in white at the crazy house.

When the insurance ran out, I was released. I did get on the intercom that day, but it was overshadowed by some kid trying to break his bedroom window with one of the chairs. I called for a code blue, and there really was need for one. It felt pretty creepy. I left the hospital pretty pissed off, and I almost didn't want to leave. Those are pretty weird places. Anyway, I was back in the free world with a few new chips on my shoulder and two new prescriptions that would keep everything nice and internal for the next couple of years.

Readers Please Note--The following is the disclaimer that the paper must run. **The opinions expressed on this page are not shared by the entire *Current Sauce* staff.** The staff does not endorse any opinion presented on the opinions page. Now that business has been taken care of, let me clarify a few items. All letters submitted to the paper must include the writer's name, unless approved by the *Current Sauce* staff. You can submit articles by sending them to currentsauce@hotmail.com or stop by the office located in 225 Kyser Hall.

Pray for those who pray

Elona A. Boggs
Opinions Columnist

The same schools that are fighting to preserve school prayer are destroying religious freedoms.

A few weeks ago, in Lafayette, eight children were denied their right to attend school because of their religious beliefs.

The children are of Rastafarian faith, which forbids them from cutting their long, dreadlocked hair.

The school argued that the children's hair was a distraction and violated the school's rule against "extreme hairstyles."

In turn, the American Civil Liberties Union argued that the school's ruling was unconstitutional and discriminatory towards the Rastafarian religion.

Last week, after much pressure by the ACLU, school officials cooperated and allowed the children to attend school for the first time this year.

Similarly, in a recent case in Gulfport, Miss., a Jewish child was prohibited from wearing a necklace bearing the Star of David to school. The school board said that local gang members wore a similar sign, and felt that wearing the Star would create confusion between the two.

Consequently, many members of the Gulfport community were outraged because instead of collaborating to eliminate local gang violence, school officials rallied to ban the Star of David from county schools.

In our modern, civilized society , these scenarios are not at all uncommon. In many schools, freedom of religion has transgressed into "freedom of religion as seen fit."

One day, school officials are leading a benediction of prayer at a football game. The next day they are punishing a child for quietly expressing his or her religion.

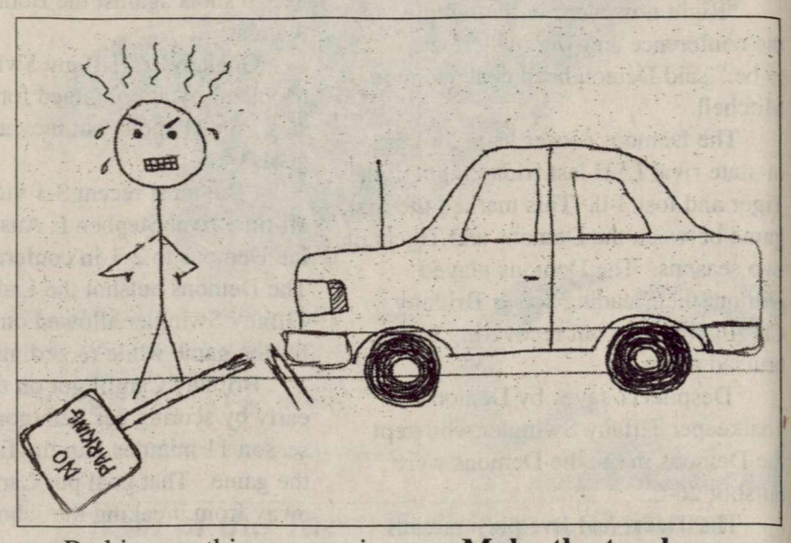
Ultimately, schools should be concerned about educating the child, not choosing the child's faith.

In Thomas Paine's, "Common Sense," he wrote, "As to religion, I hold it the indispensable duty of government to protect all conscientious professors thereof, and I know no other business which government hath to do therewith."

If Paine understood this in 1791, why can't we?

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

with Josh Beavers



The alarm clock goes off. Class starts in 20 minutes and it takes 5 to get there. You pull onto campus and what do you find? A whole lotta cars. You search frantically for a parking spot as the seconds turn into minutes, and you realize that your only option is to either park illegally and risk a ticket or park at the stadium and be late for class.

You choose the former and you come out an hour later and find one of Natchitoches' finest with a big ole smile on his face as he proceeds to write you a $25 ticket.

This is th scene that plays out every morning at NSU during the fall semester.

As a result of this, I would venture a guess that the single biggest complaint among students is poor parking on campus.

Let's be honest, parking is bad. There is no doubt about that, but let's not get crazy here people. It's true that it is hard to find a parking spot right in front of Kyser or Russell, and it is also true that many other of the "premium" spots on campus are unavailable unless you get here at 6 a.m.

But think about this, there is enough parking space for 17,000 people when Southern comes to town for a football game. Those people are parking somewhere. They just don't parachute in from the sky. There are parking spots here. Finding them is the trick.

Parking on this campus is no worse than it is at any other university. In fact, our parking situation is better than some schools. Listen to people who talk about parking at LSU. "I have to walk six miles to class, uphill, both ways, and they make me listen to LSU football games on the radio."

I'm exaggerating, of course, but you understand what I mean. How far does anyone have to walk? From the Sabine lot? Maybe as far as the stadium. It is only about a quarter of a mile. Most of us could benefit from the extra exercise. And even if you don't want to walk, there is always the elusive campus shuttle service.

I know that some are reading this and saying, "How can you say this? You're one of us. You should be on our side."

Well I am, and even though I believe the parking problem has been blown way out of proportion, I have an idea of how to fix it.

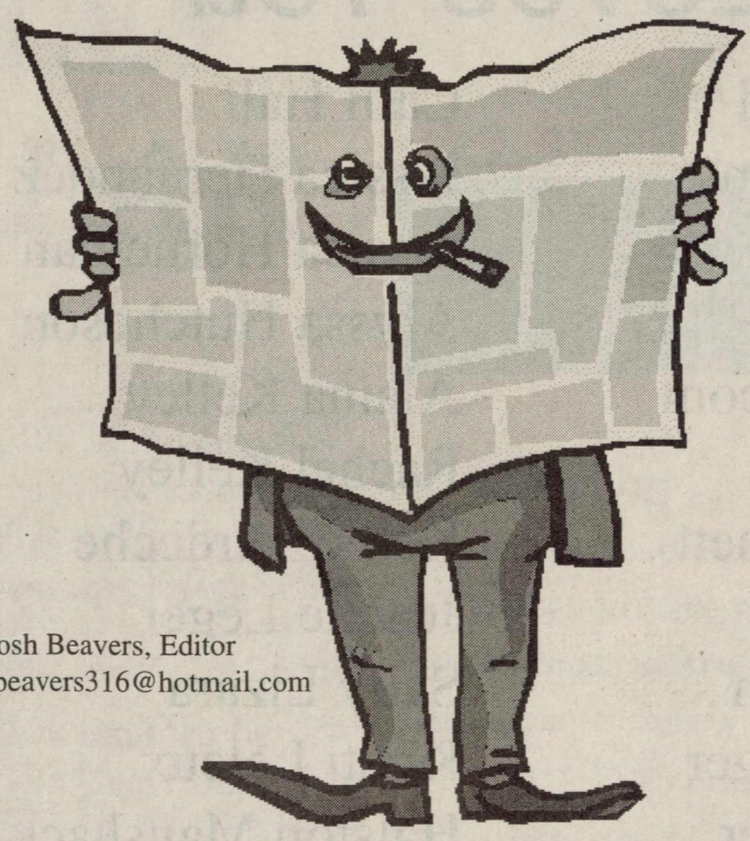
Make the teachers park at the stadium and coliseum.

It makes sense. The teachers on this campus go to one place a day, their office. We, the students of Northwestern, are in and out of classes, going from place to place all over campus and must deal with long layovers between these classes.

Let the teachers take the shuttle service to their offices everyday. After all, NSU is the school "Where Students Come First." Isn't it?

If so, then would it not make since for the students to get the better spots? Take the faculty and staff only lots and turn them over to the students. The lots behind Kyser, St. Denis and the Fine Arts building are all for the teachers. Those lots are jam packed with spots for students.

If the administration is really concerned about fixing this problem, then they should follow this advice. If they choose not to, I guess the school motto should be changed to "Where students come first. . . except when it comes to parking."



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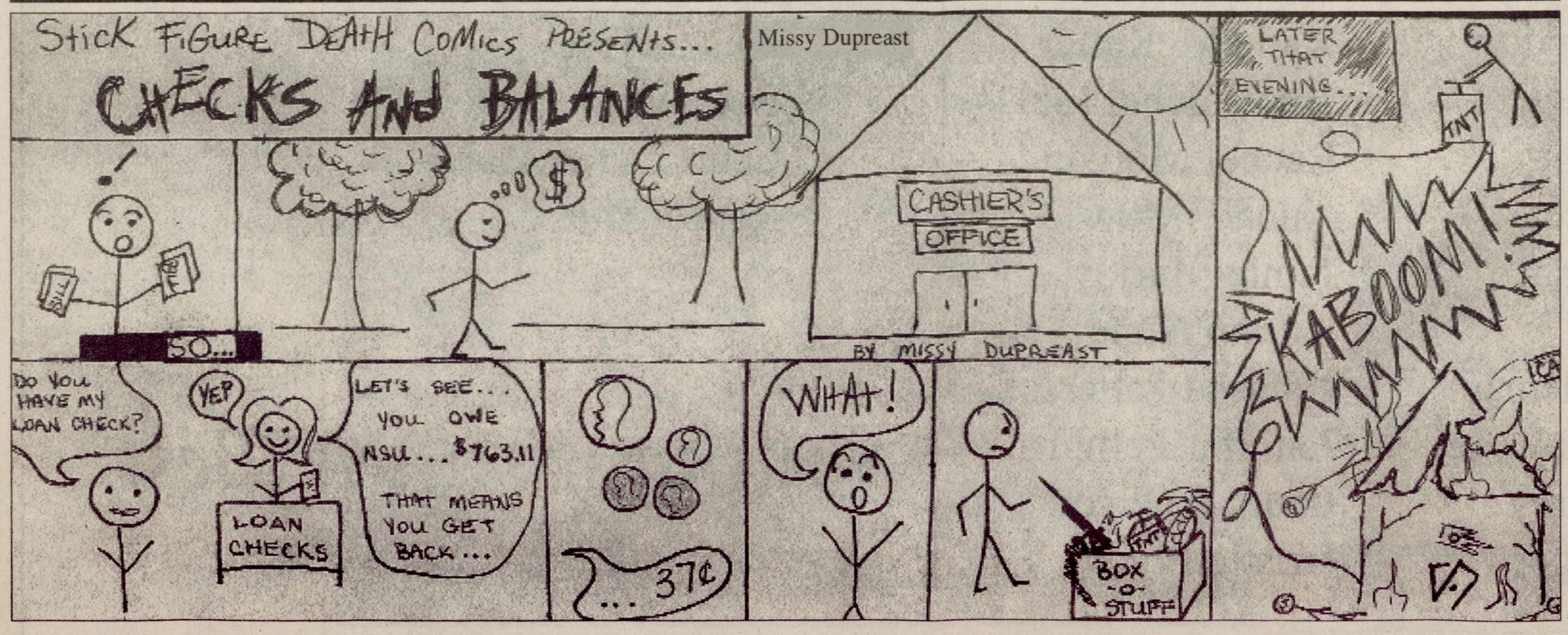
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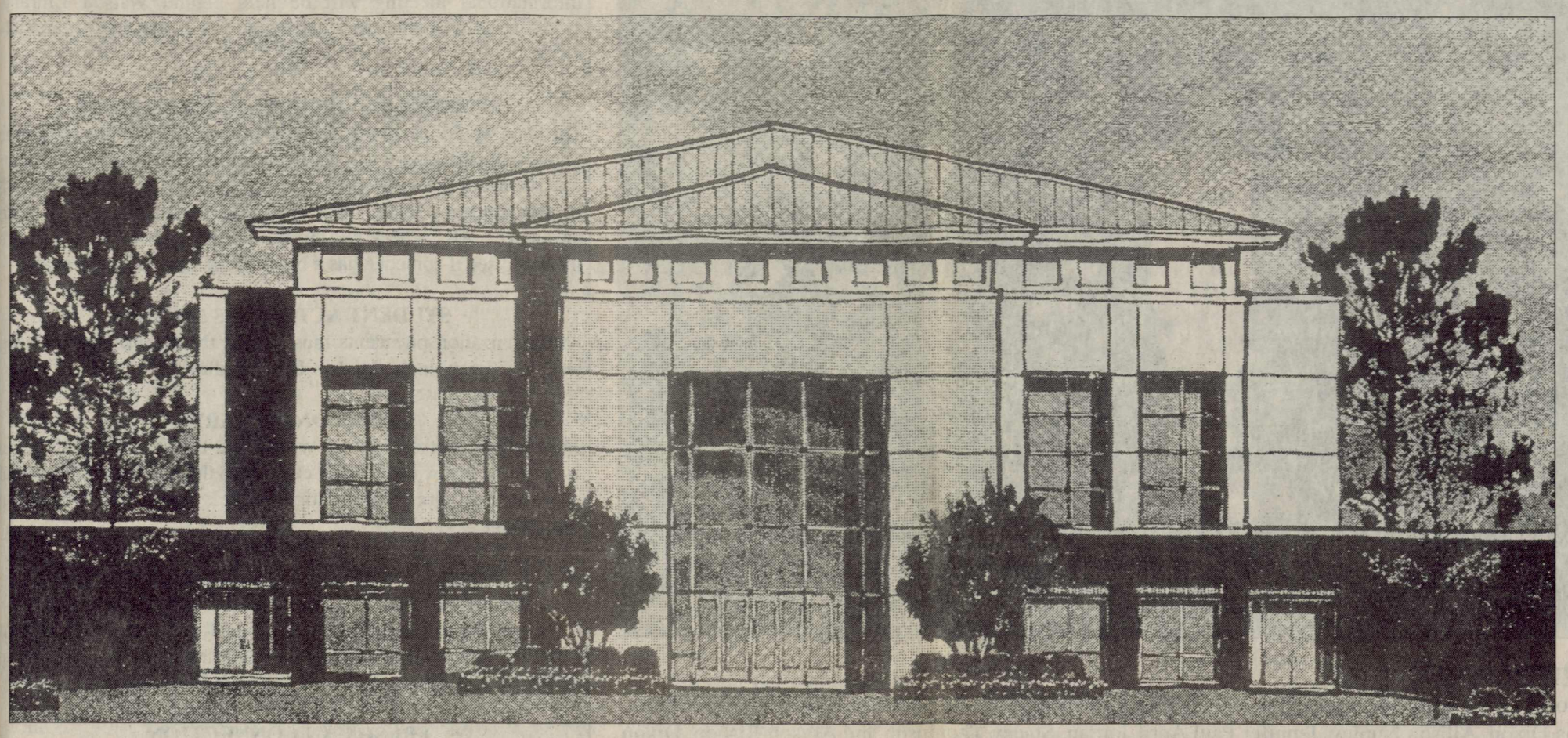


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NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY - NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA



After two years, progress is finally being made on the renovation project to the University Intramural Building. The current plans call for an 80,000 square foot building which is triple the current size. It will contain two racquetball courts, a free weight area, a new weight machine area, a cardiovascular theatre and an aerobics spin cycle studio, an extra basketball court and a game room.

IM team sees "light at the end of the tunnel"

Renovation is making gains

Director of Recreational Sports Mark Deshotel has been working. He has been working tirelessly since the spring of 1997 to give Northwestern students what they want. And now after almost three years, the fruits of his labor are starting to pay off. After a slow start, the groundwork on the new Intramural Building is finally starting to heat up.

"It has been a long process, and we still have a little ways to go, but we are finally starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel," Deshotel said.

The whole IM process began in 1997 when surveys were sent out to students asking what they would like to see done with the IM building that was constructed in 1969. In the fall of 1998, a record number of students turned out to vote on the IM referendum. As a result, the existing IM was voted to undergo its first and only major renovation process that would take two years to complete.

Two years later, the same IM building sits untouched. Many students ask what is the hold up and want construction to start, especially since all full-students now pay a $75 fee every semester for the building's construction.

"We have gotten behind schedule," Deshotel said. "But that is because we have fought at every turn to give the students exactly what they want. It has taken a little while to get everybody on the same page."

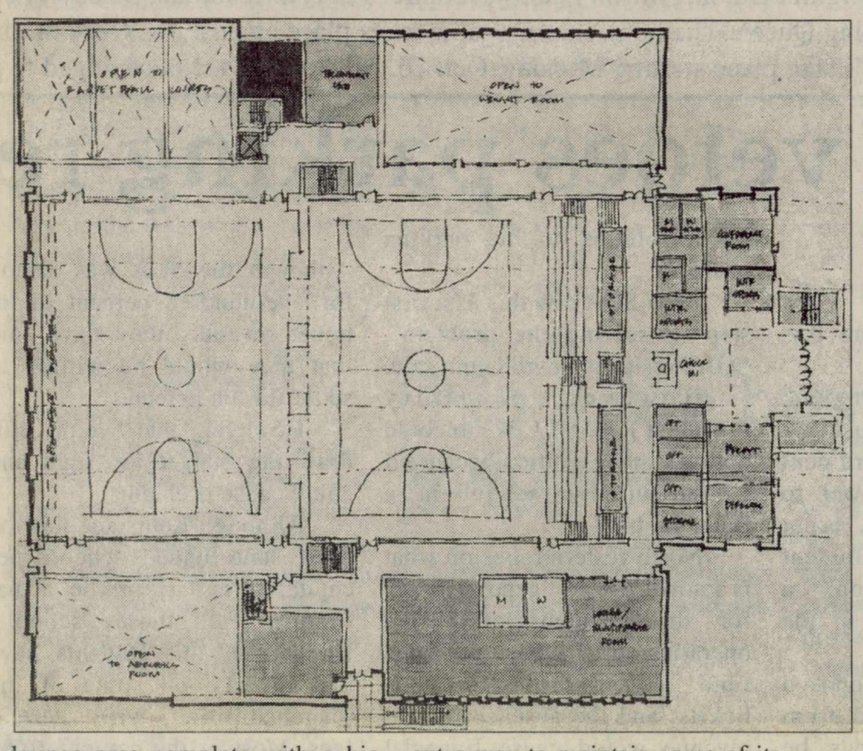
The current schedule has construction starting in July and finishing up around a year later. Deshotel said that the University is following a 10-step design schedule, and seven of those steps have been completed so far.

"Drawings have been made and revise, and we are looking to get a even more detailed set soon," he said.

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"I don't want people to wait for a machine," Deshotel said. "If someone is on the stair-stepper, then I want another right there for someone else."

In addition to this, the IM will have many new features ranging from steam and sauna rooms to a lounge area complete with a big screen television and conference rooms.



"The students are not going to be shortchanged," Deshotel said. "Everything they want, we are going to try and give them."

Deshotel doesn't want the feeling of the old IM to be completely lost and has worked out a way to maintain some of its history.

"The building is going to have alot of neat features," Deshotel said. "There is going to be a retro section of the building, complete with the old doors and floors that have never been remodeled, so the classic feeling is still there."

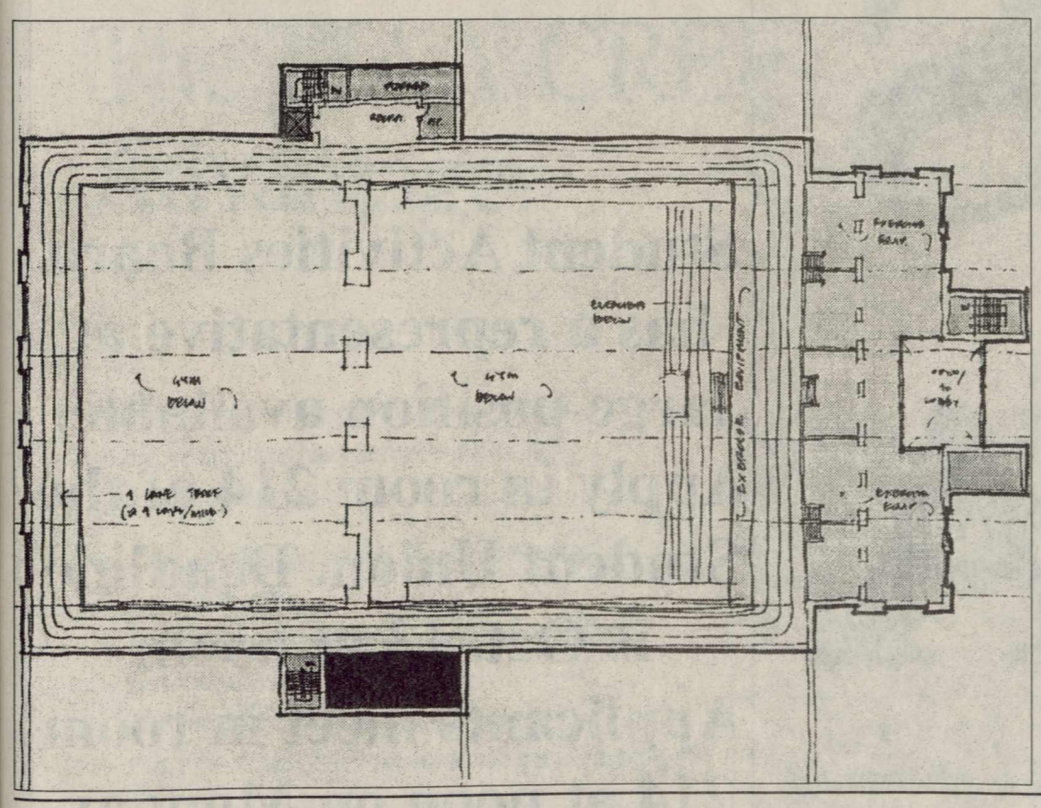
After the construction is complete, there are even more plans to make the new IM into a more student friendly environment. Along with the lounge area, there are plans to add a computer lab and conference rooms. Deshotel wants student groups or alumni to get together and hold their meetings or other types of activities in these rooms.

"We want this IM to fill in some places the Union doesn't," Deshotel said. "We want the students and even the faculty, staff, retirees and alumni to be able to use these rooms for some of their meetings."

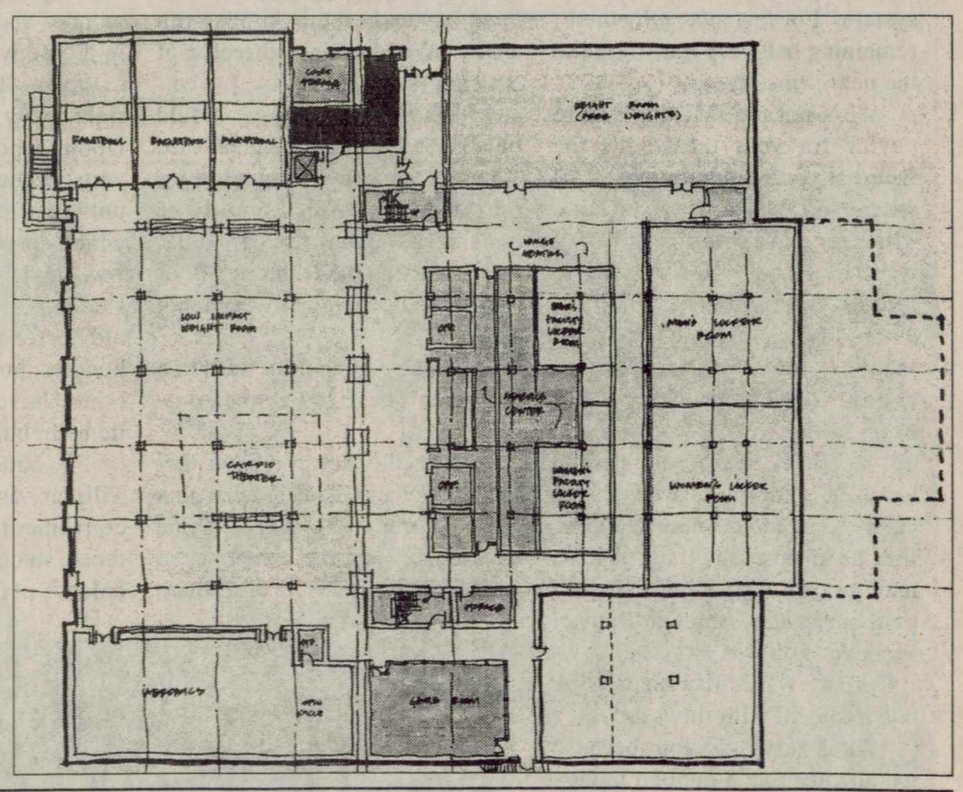
Deshotel is currently working on step eight in the ten-step process that must be completed before ground can be broken on the construction. Once these steps are finished and all the schematics are designed, the process will be a go.

"We know that it has been slow going, and the students have been patient," Deshotel said. "We appreciate that patience and want the students to know that they will be getting everything they asked for and more."

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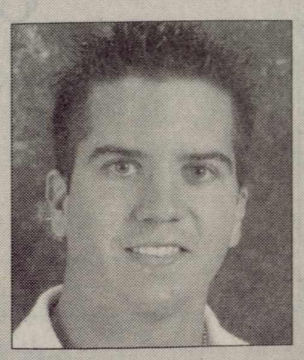


To the left, right and above are the rough schematics for the new IM. On the left is the upper floor plan which features a jogging track and exercise machines. On the right is the basement floor plan which has three racquetball courts, a game room, two weight rooms and an aerobics room. Above is the ground floor plan. It has two basketball courts, offices, conference rooms and a multipurpose room.



Editor's note: *The Current Sauce* was reduced in size this week to accommodate the Potpourri staff. Their deadline is Friday, and they need the space we use for the paper. Look for the paper to return to full size next week.

Mr. and Miss NSU 2000



Mark Bulot



Camille Nunez

Winners of last week's runoff for Mr. and Miss NSU are Mark Bulot and Camille Nunez. Bulot won by just three votes over fellow candidate JaJuan Allen. In the other runoff, Chante Bellard and Brian Wilkinson were voted to sophomore senator positions on the SGA. Wilkinson only won by one vote over Stacey Cosby.

Rape rumors are false, police say

By Josh Beavers
Editor

Recent rumors regarding a surge in rape reports are false according to the University officials.

"We, nor the city police or the sheriff's office, have had any rape reports recently," Detective Doug Prescott said. "There was one off-campus a little while back, but that has dwindled down to nothing and there are no suspects."

The rumors circulating the campus ranged from rape victims being found behind Albertson's and in a dumpster behind McGee's to a gang roaming the streets at night, raping women as part of an initiation.

These rumors are all false, Prescott said. Not only have there been no University reports, but there have been no reports anywhere in the area.

University President Randall J. Webb said he is disappointed in the people who would spread these types of rumors, but exhausted every effort to investigate them.

"We take seriously any reports that come in, especially ones as sensitive as these," Webb said. "We made sure that every avenue was checked in this and found that they were unfounded. It is though, sad that some people choose to spread these stories and fabrications."

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> **Detective, University Police**



2000 Homecoming Queen and Court

Pictured above is the 2000 Honor court. They are from left to right, Casey Crowder, Jamie Hughes, Sarah Griffith, Michelle Meyer, Allison Bulot, Virginia Dixon, Allison Nunley, Jennifer Paul,April Jordan, Stacey Thompson and Allison Bishop. Dixon is this year's Homecoming Queen. The homecoming game takes place against McNeese St. on Saturday, Oct. 21at 2 p.m. Homecoming events will take place starting Monday, Oct. 16. All students are encouraged to participate.

Webb vetoes parking resolution

By Bess Renfrow
Sauce Reporter

Parking is a problem that has grown over the years.

Students have begun to look to the administration and the Student Government Association for the answer to solve this problem. At a recent meeting of the Student Government Association, a resolution was brought to the table and passed.

This resolution proposed that the money received from tickets given on campus be channeled into a fund reserved for a solution to the parking problem.

"The SGA saw this as a first step in solving the problem", SGA President David Gunn said.

However, University President Randall J. Webb could not sign the resolution because it would put the school in a financial bind.

Northwestern relies on what is known as the "general fund" for the payment of varied operating costs. A portion of this fund comes from campus tickets, and the absence of that revenue would cause financial difficulties for the school.

Although the SGA was asking for one-hundred percent of all ticket revenue, they have said that they would be willing to settle for ten percent.

However, that would still draw the budget too tight and could cause problems.

Although Louisiana has the most state-funded schools per capita, it is last in the actual funding of these schools. Because of this students have had to take on some of the responsibilities with certain fees. Most of the computers on campus were purchased with student technology fees, and the infirmary is provided for with a health services fee.

"In the last few years students have stepped up and shouldered some of the load," Gunn said. "I think it's time for the state to step in now."

This setback hasn't deterred the SGA from finding a solution for this problem, and Gunn said that he has been contacted by the President's office recently to try and work out a solution for the students.

Students question meal cards

For many students, a meal card isn't negotiable.Everyone living on campus is required to purchase a meal card. Some students benefit while others care a less.

Many question the meal card system. For instance, why aren't remaining balances transferred to the next semester?

"It's not the fact that you're paying for your meals; it's the fact that you're able to pay to eat whenever you want."Joe Tillman, food director of Aramark, said. "If we were to switch over all the meals, we would lose alot of things, and we would have to start another contract to straighten out every1thing."

"I think a lot of people would be more pleased if the cafeteria would reimburse people for the meals that they haven't used, considering we already paid our meals," student Michael Fontenot said.

Many would like steps to be taken to deal with the issue.

"It is very ridiculous because we already spend enough money as it is, and they can't even give us the benefit of the doubt and give us what we have left over," student Michael Grantham said.

Students also wonder why they have to have a certain number of hours to get a more accommodating plan.

"First time students or some students particularly, do not know how to manage money, and many students take advantage of the idea of getting food for their friends, and their funds run short," Woody Blair, director of housing, said.

"I think that everyone should be able to get the same meal card since we are the ones paying for our meals. We should be considered equal to all other NSU students that have 30 or more credit hours," Fontenot said.

Some people really wish that they didn't have to buy a card.

"Iberville doesn't have that many choices. The choices that are offered are the same everyday except the homecooked or Mexican items," Grantham said.

Despite student complaints, purchasing a meal card is required for students living on campus, except for those who obtain an exemption.

Even so, students also wonder about what steps to take in a case where their card is lost of stolen. If this occurs, report it right away to Tillman or Blair. Upon reporting the situation, your account will be on hold until getting a replacement card, which costs $25. The higher fee was implemented because some students took advantage of the old $5 fee to get their friends or buddies into games, concerts and other University events for free. items in bulk."

To better please the students, Tillman is trying to start a convenient store just to help those students with a declining balance plan.

Campus Connections

NSU CLUB SOCCER

The NSU Club Soccer team is looking for new members.The first informational meeting will be held behind Watson Library. Everyone is welcome. Any questions, call Cesar Isguitt, at 354-6483.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

The SGA would like to tell all students about a few of the programs they are undertaking this school year. Don't forget to pick up your free scantrons, every Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 222 of the Student Union. You will need a student I.D. to take advantage. Also, check out the Book Swap Board while you are there and see if someone has a book you need at a cheaper rate.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD

All organization presidents must attend the Gavel Club meeting Oct. 5 @ 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom

WATSON LIBRARY

The staff of Watson Library would like the students of NSU to know about a new service that could help them in their educational growth. For more information, check with the circulation department.

WESLEY WESTMINSTER FOUNDATION

Students can have lunch at the Wesley Westminister Foundation (between Magee's and The Ink Spot) on Tuesday from 11:30 until 1:00. The first visit is free and $1 each time thereafter. Worship services are held from 6:30-7:30 pm each Wednesday.

FRESHMAN CONNECTION

The Office of New Student Programs is pleased to announce scholarship opportunities for qualified Northwestern students. Approximately 20 students will be hired for the Freshman Connection program. Informational meetings will be held in the President's Room of the Student Union on Wednesday, October 4 at 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, October 5 at 3:00 p.m. Interested students must attend one of the informational seminars to be eligible to submit an application.

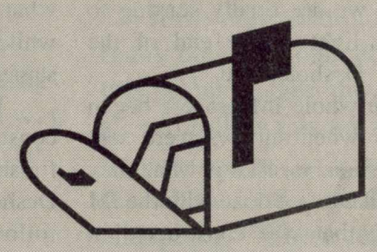
COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

College Democrats would like inform students of their informational meetings every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union.

AFRICAN AMERICAN CAUCUS

The Northwestern State University African American Caucus presents The Breast Cancer Awareness Fashion Show!!! The fashion show will begin on Tuesday, October 10, at 7:00p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. Admission is $2. All proceeds go to breast cancer treatment.

Turn in your application now!!!



SAB

Student Activities Board has a representative at large position available. Apply in room 214 of the Student Union. Deadline is Oct. 13 at noon. Applicants meet in room 214 at noon on Monday, Oct. 16

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Homecoming week full of fun and events

By Rheannon Coon
Sauce Reporter

The theme for homecoming this year is "survival of the fittest".

"The decorations are going to be in a jungle type theme. We got the theme from the Survivor show," Jared Hewitt, chairman of special events for the SAB said.

To start the week off Monday, Oct. 16th, there will virtual reality games available from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the student union ballroom.

Tuesday, the Homecoming Hunnie and the Lip Sync contest will be going on. For the Homecoming Hunnie contest, organizations nominate guys to compete, and one guy will be chosen to be this years Homecoming Hunnie.

As this year's Hunnie, he will ride in the parade and receive a cash prize. The Lip Sync contest will be comprised of different organization representatives lip syncing to songs relating to the "survival of the fittest" theme.

"The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will receive cash prizes", Susanna Deshotel, assistant director of student activities, said.

Wednesday is probably the busiest day of the week. The day will start with inflatable games from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. These games will located out in front of Kyser.

The games include the inflatable rock wall, where students will climb the wall with a harness attached to them; the spider web, where students wear a Velcro suit and stick themselves to the velcro wall, and finally, there will be sumo bellies, where two students will put on sumo belly attire and fight one another.

At 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, the IM Fun Run will begin.

"There will be free t-shirts for the first 175-200 students to arrive," Deshotel said.

The winners of the run get gift certificates from various businesses around Natchitoches.

After the run there is a free barbecue at the IM building. Also at the IM building at 8 p.m., the "Half-niter" will take begin. There will be teams of five competing in games to earn points for each, and at the end, the team with the most points gets a "Half-niter" t-shirt.

While these games are going on inside, there will be different inflatable games outside. These games include the bungy run, where a student is attached to a bungy cord and tries to pull himself as far as they can before being pulled back; the joust game, where two students are armed with padded joust sticks and try to knock each other off of their pedestal; and then the human bowling game, where a student is contained in a metal ball and is rolled towards a set of oversized bowling pins.

During the night, a treasure hunt will also be taking place. Clues will be given throughout the night, and the winner will receive 150 dollars.

Thursday, there will be a movie presentation of "The Skulls" in the Fine Arts auditorium at 8 p.m., and Friday, the homecoming parade will take place. The parade will begin at 5 p.m. at Prather Coliseum and will make its way to the riverbank. A pep rally will take place on the bank once the parade ends.

Mr. NSU, Mark Bulot, and Miss NSU, Camille Nunez will ride in the parade, along with floats constructed by different organizations. First and second place prizes will be awarded for floats in three different categories: resident halls, Greek groups and general organizations.

These categories will also apply to the banner contest taking place throughout the week. The winners of these contests will be announced at the pep rally. After the pep rally, the BCM will host a bonfire at 10 p.m. in the field at below Greek Hill and behind Sabine.

To end the week, tailgating will take place all day Saturday right up until the game, which begins at 2.p. against McNeese State.

Photo buttons will be available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday at Iberville and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday in the Union lobby. The limit is one per person, but more than one person can be in the picture.

Job service helps students

Finding money to pay for college is always difficult. Getting a part-time job can help, and Northwestern State University has made it easier for students to find part-time work while they are enrolled in school.

For the past two years, Northwestern has been operating a Job Location Office to match up area business with students seeking employment. The office is like an employment agency for students and serves Northwestern campuses and businesses in Natchitoches, Leesville and Alexandria. According to Job Location and Development Director Evie Posey, the program provides services at no charge to businesses. Students can work with staff in the Job Location Office at no charge as "their own personal career consultant."

In the past fiscal year, 168 students who were placed through the Job Location Office earned a total of more than $421,000. Last year, 119 employers hired NSU students through the Job Location Office.

Businesses looking for part-time help can contact the Job Location Office at 357-5621 or (888) 261-7518. An employment request form will be completed to identify the type of person needed, position requirements and qualifications needed. Applicants who qualify will be sent to the business by appointment for further consideration. All hiring decisions will be at the discretion of the business.

"This service can save a great deal of time for area businesses," said Posey. "The students who we send out to business have been screened to make sure they fit their needs."

Students can participate by registering with the Job Location Office. Each participant will fill out a complete application form, go through a job interview and submit a class schedule. The Job Location Office will also provide Northwestern students with needed training, tools and information for interview preparation, resume building and company research.

"Many students need a job to help pay for the costs of college not covered by financial aid and other means. This is a way to help them save time in looking for a job," said Posey. "Working with us, students can obtain many skills that can help them when they are looking for internships or full-time employment."

Current Sauce goes digital

By Heather Patton
Sauce Reporter

Students of Northwestern will soon have an easier way to access *The Current Sauce*.

Neil Ralston, a professor in the journalism department, said this is the second website for the school newspaper. Ralston said finding someone to maintain and keep up the website has been the biggest problem in the past.

"Now, there are companies to maintain these websites," Ralston said. "The site will be hosted by College Publishers. From College Publishers, we get server space; we get to use their software, and we get technical advice and support. We also get to use articles from other schools like Temple University in Philadelphia. In return for using College Publishers, we don't pay them any money. We do agree to provide them with four ad spots. Their plan is to sell those ad spots so they can make money."

College Publishers is based in Cambridge, Mass. and has helped universities put their newspapers online since February 2000. It has a circulation of 12,000 newspapers.

"Right now, we're trying to design the front page," Ralston said. "We've purchased the URL www.currentsauce.com, and we're hoping the site will be up within the week. The server is off-campus. Once we get the page decided, even those student editors with little computer experience will be able to work on it."

Students will be able to download pictures, look at archives and stories and participate in reader's polls. Students will also be able to give their feedback on the paper itself. There will be daily updates, sports scores and any emergency news that students would need to know.

"It will be good for alumni," Ralston said. "They will be able to stay in touch with the University and what is being done."

Chris Monaghan is the web designer for website and said that the target audience will be students and alumni of the University.

"I'm like the web-maintenance guy," Monaghan said. "I will help the editor with any questions he may have. By May 2001, every reporter on *The Current Sauce* will have an opportunity to log on and put their stories online. Also, if students want to learn HTML stuff, I can help them with that."

No more busy signals

By Leslie Westbrooke
Sauce Reporter

Next semester, students should have fewer problems calling off campus.

Tracy Brown, NSU's telecommunication supervisor, says a new phone system has been approved and should be in place by January.

The new system will replace the old, maxed out Lucent 85 system the campus currently uses.

Along with providing a much larger capacity for phone lines, the new system will provide 911 service to students. When students dial 911, the call will be sent not only to the 911 center in Natchitoches but also to the University Police.

"Currently, the Lucent 85 system is fully loaded. Every port is full," Brown said. "This is why students get a busy signal when dialing off campus."

During evening hours of 8pm to 12am on weekdays, students will probably have difficulty connecting to the Internet or dialing off-campus.

Sarah Ferstel, University sophomore, said, "I think it's ridiculous that at a school as small as NSU, we can't get an off-campus line."

According to Brown, students should be able to call off-campus easier during early morning and business hours.

"The earlier [the calls] the better," Brown continued. "If students must make calls during peak hours, they can expect to have to make several attempts before getting an outside line."

For now students will have to put up with a few more busy signals, they but can look forward to a new, more convenient service in the spring.



COOKIES!!!!!!!!!!!!

The NSU Rowing Crew sponsored a bake sale this week in Kyser Hall. The event was part of an effort to raise funds for upcoming travel expenses.

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SGA Senate Minutes for 10/2/2000

Roll Call

Present:
Leanna Anderson
Amanda Barrios
Chante Bellard
Rusty Broussard
Vanessa Byrd
Matthew Comeaux
Andrew Davies
Kimberly Dickerson
Dustin Floyd
Jack Givens
Will Hooper
Elizabeth Hughes
Shaun Jackson
John-Michael McConnell
Paul Monteleone
Joni Naquin
Justin Owen
Jennifer Paul
Casey Ponder
Shelly Smith
Frank Toro
Glenn Ward
Brian Wilkinson
Jonathan Chance

Absent:
Ja'Juan Allen
Wayne Bush-excused
Jessica Cramer-excused
David Gunn-excused
Dustin Matthews-excused
Todd Yore

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

The prayer was led by Rusty Broussard.

The pledge was led by Jonathan Chance.

Reatha Cox thanked SGA for their support and explained Freshman Connection. Fiscal Affairs will consider funding Freshman Connection T-Shirts and bring their recommendation before the Senate next week.

Minutes of 9/25 were approved by general consent.

Executive Reports:

Treasurer-John-Michael McConnell-went over budgets that came in. Will soon review student assessed fees.

Vice-President-Rusty Broussard-Jennifer Stevens has resigned from her position which leaves 5 senator-at-large positions and 1 senior position open. He thanked Mr. Henry and David Gunn and the senators for working the polls for the elections.

President-David Gunn-I am sorry for my absence tonight. I am in Baton Rouge attending the wake of a close friend who passed away this weekend.

-Update on parking fine resolution: I spoke with Dr. Webb this weekend and Mr. Crew this morning regarding this matter. Dr. Webb has called for a meeting of his cabinet for Wednesday of this week. Justin, Joni, and myself had planned on publishing an editorial statement in this week's Current Sauce, but I think it would be more prudent to wait for the results of this meeting before we proceed with the statement on this matter.

-Tomorrow night we are taking a walk around campus with Mr. Lindsey from the power plant to address problematic lighting areas on campus. We need to meet in the office no later than 7:45pm. Mr. Crew has requested that we go to the Alumni House, where he will be showcasing new lights for Mr. Lindsey and ourselves.

-I will start senatorial appointments next week.

-Matt, Rusty, and myself will meet with the Information Systems people to decide which candidates to hire for the new STAT positions Wednesday at 3:00.

-Justin, Shaun, Jessica, Casey, Rusty please see me this week so we can work out the details of our trip to Baton Rouge for the COSBP/LACUSPA meeting on Monday and Tuesday.

-Congratulations to the newly elected senators.

Department/Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs-Amanda Barrios- The scantron giveaway was today from 11-1pm. Thanks to all who helped.

-A Thanksgiving Cooking Class will be on November 7. We will be baking either butterhorn rolls or French loaf bread. We will be advertising as soon as the details are ironed out. Thanks to Shymika and Jennifer Paul for their help with this project.

-I spoke with Mrs. Lillie Bell last week. We discussed changes to the calendar, such as the date to drop with a W, a dead week before finals, and another try at fall break by starting school two days earlier. She gave me the names of several faculty committees to join. If anyone is interested, please see me.

-We plan to move the bookswap board out of the SGA office, next to Vic's, in the hopes of exposing it to more students. If anyone has any suggestions concerning this, please see me.

-My meetings are Wednesday evenings at 5pm. Please feel free to attend.

External Affairs-Andrew Davies- The radio show is at 9am. He spoke with Fisher's and Posey's about the t-shirts. He asks the Senate to approve money for homecoming float and is working on the homecoming banner. The meetings are Tuesdays at 5:30pm.

Club Sports-Matt Comeaux-They met last Tuesday and sent mailings to all SGA Presidents in the state to find information on their club sports. They will meet Monday the 9th at 4pm.

Organizational Grants-Matt Comeaux- will meet this evening after the meeting and vote on the submitted applications.

Internal Affairs-Vanessa Byrd- add approval of $151.57 for the Homecoming Crown and Pin in New Business. Everyone has a new phone list. They went over the by-laws today. Chante and Brian need to meet her after the meeting. Thanked Dustin for helping with cleaning out the filing cabinet.

Election Board- Joni Naquin announced winners of the election—Miss NSU is Camille Nunez, Mr. NSU is Mark Bulot, and the new Sophomore Senators are Chante Bellard and Brian Wilkinson.

Student Affairs-Justin Owen-He is looking for legal concerns dealing with the designated driving program. The forum will be held Tuesday at 7pm in the TV studio. Traffic Appeals will not meet next Monday, but will on the 16th.

IM Policies and Procedures-Casey Ponder- They met last week and are waiting for Mark Deshotel's information.

SAB non-voting representative-Will Hooper

-Coffee House is tonight at 8pm/Salsa Night

-Oct 20- Dinner for SAB and SGA at the rec. complex

-Oct 24- Coffee House

-Oct 20- Golf Tournament

Freshman Class Council-Dustin Floyd- They had a good first meeting. The meeting is Thursday at 6pm.

Supreme Court- Niko Tesvich was elected Chief Justice.

-3 concerns they dealt with last week:

No one should be abstaining without a reason.

Censorship of Student Media (KNWD, Current Sauce, Potpourri, Argus)

Advisor-Mr. Henry- Gavel Club meeting this Thursday at 7pm.

New Business:

Rusty Broussard gave oath to new senators, Chante Bellard, Kimberly Dickerson, and Brian Wilkinson.

Homecoming Hunnie-

Joni Naquin nominated David Gunn.

Kimberly Dickerson nominated Ja'Juan Allen.

Andrew Davies moved to approve $186 for election picture money.

Shaun Jackson seconded.

The motion passed 22-0-0.

Andrew Davies moved to allocate $75 for homecoming float money.

Amanda Barrios seconded.

Discussion followed.

The motion passed 21-1-0.

Jeremiah Newsom moved to approve $151.57 for homecoming crown and pin.

Matt Comeaux seconded.

The motion passed 22-0-0.

Shaun Jackson moved to approve budgets for student fees. Justin Owen seconded.

John-Michael McConnell explained it.

The motion passed 22-0-0.

Vanessa Byrd made notice of Administrative evaluations for Ja'Juan Allen (2 weeks of missed office hours) and Todd Yore (3 weeks of missed office hours and 2 unexcused Senate meeting absences).

Old Business:

Amanda Barrios read FA00-005.

Amanda Barrios moved to remove it from the table.

Matt Comeaux seconded.

Discussion followed.

The motion passed 22-0-0.

Amanda Barrios read FA00-006.

Matt Comeaux moved to remove it from the table.

Amanda Barrios seconded.

Discussion followed.

The motion passed 21-1-0.

Shaun Jackson read FA00-007.

Jeremiah Newsom moved to remove it from the table.

Jennifer Paul seconded.

Discussion followed.

The motion passed 22-0-0.

Andrew Davies read Res. FA00-008.

Amanda Barrios moved to remove it from the table.

Vanessa Byrd seconded.

Discussion followed.

The motion passed 22-0-0.

Announcements:

Traffic Appeals meets on the 16th at 2pm.

Need shirt sizes for SGA shirts.

Joni Naquin needs to meet with Rusty Broussard after the meeting.

Departments and Committees need to meet with fiscal affairs for purchases.

Matt Comeaux congratulated new senators.

Organizational grants committee will meet after the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm.

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L I F E

Assistant professor of English joins *The Bottle Factory*

By Dominique Irvin
LIFE Reporter

All of us, if we are lucky, will be able to look back on a certain part of our lives and feel a sense of accomplishment and pride at a job well done. Some of us, like Julie Kane, will be able to share that experience with the world. Kane, an assistant English professor in her second year at NSU, has captured that moment in a poem.

The poem *The Bottle Factory* will appear in the fall edition of the literary journal, *The Southern Review.*

The poem is about a job Kane had the summer after high school graduation before going to college in the fall.

Kane packaged hair conditioner bottles in the New Jersey factory. She would pack the bottles as they came down a conveyor belt, an experience she likens to an old *I Love Lucy* episode when Lucy worked in a chocolate factory.

"The chocolate starts going faster and faster, and she starts shoving them in her pockets and in her hat. It could be like that at times," Kane said. "Sometimes you sneezed or something like that and missed a bottle."

When Kane turned 18 in July of that summer, she was given her own machine. It was operated by a foot pedal instead of being automated like the other machines. Even though "it was probably the slowest machine in the factory," Kane was happy.

"I was very proud to have my own machine," Kane said.

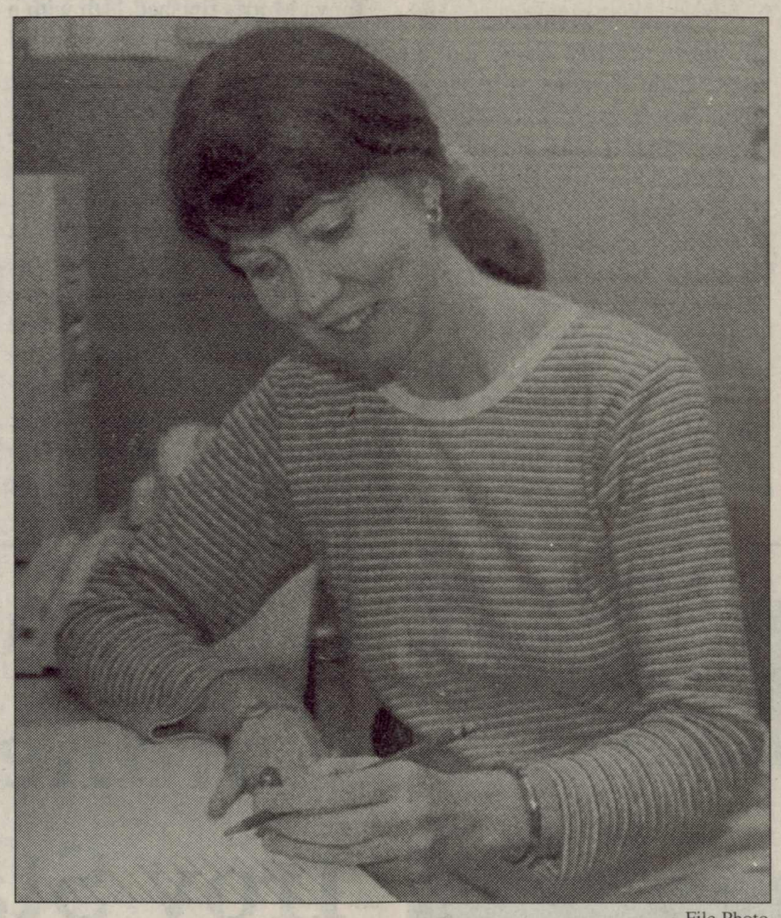
After that summer, Kane went off to college and began to do more intellectual work and found herself looking back at that simpler time and the fulfillment the at the work brought her. Through her work, Kane found that with intellectual work, one can never be sure what kind of affect the work will have on other people.

With her work in the bottle factory, Kane found there was a sense of accomplishment that comes from working with your hands and doing physical labor and at the end of the day; you can look around and say I did something.

Kane also looked back with relief that she was no longer in that "sweaty, miserable factory." She tried to capture that feeling along with the sense of coming of age and going out in the world.

Kane wrote the poem as an assignment for a poetry course at LSU. Dave Smith, who was also an editor for *The Southern Review*, taught the class. Kane submitted her poem after she graduated in May 1999, and Smith accepted it.

It takes about a year for the edition to come out. After the issue is laid out, the pages are sent to the writer to help with proofreading for errors.



File Photo
Assistant professor Julia Kane will have a poem published in *The Southern Review*

Kane has been published in many other journals and plans to contribute other works to *The Southern Review* and other journals. *The Southern Review* is open to all writers, and Kane encourages students to submit their work to journals and competitions.

The fall edition of *The Southern Review* should be out within the next week or two. Several copies will be sent to the school and most large bookstores carry the journal.

Anyone interested in the obtaining a copy can also go to the LSU website at www.lsu.edu.

Big Brother isn't watching anymore:

Eddie walks away the winner

By Randall S. Frederick
LIFE Reporter

Eddie McGee, the tough-talking, tell it like it is, 21-year - old from New York walked out of the *Big Brother* compound Friday night $500,000 heavier.

At the close of Wednesday night's episode, viewers were asked to call in and vote for who they wanted to win. At the beginning of the show's season finale on Friday, remaining house guests McGee, Josh Souza and and Curtis Kin waited in anticipation for the results. Kin left the house first, winning $50,000 with 14 percent of the vote. Afterwards, previous house guests were brought in and asked their opinion of who should and who would win. Shortly thereafter, host Julie Chen left the debriefing stage giving viewers a look behind the scenes where equipment, cameras and lodgings were for the shows 24 hour a day crew. Chen showed remaining guests McGee and Souza a video montage of the way the world saw them on television over the last three months delaying her announcement of the winner until anticipation was so high that both Souza and McGee sat on the edge of their seat anxious to hear their own name.

When she revealed that the first place winner was McGee with 59 percent of the vote, both men hugged each other and wished each other the best before leaving. But Souza didn't walk away disappointed. With the remaining 27 percent, he walked away with $100,000.

"I'm awestruck," said McGee. "I did not expect to win."

Despite McGee's surprise, his win was somewhat expected to those outside the house. When the ten former house guests were asked who they thought would win, all but two answered "Eddie."

The show has been criticized since it's first week for it's "unoriginality, boring cast members and artificial story lines," despite it's growing fanbase and the 9.3 million estimated watchers. Former houseguest Will "Mega" Collins, best known for his troublemaking and venomous personality, said *Big Brother* became "Big Boring" after he was voted out.

Thousands of appreciation websites were put up after the shows debut, and the internet cameras inside the house made the show the most downloadable site during its duration.

A sequel is planned on the show's success. CBS is already taking applications for both *Big Brother* and *Survivor* on their official website, www.cbs.com

Julie Chen closed the much talked about show by saying, "They lived. We watched. Good night."

Coffee with a hint of Salsa

By Ann Coleman
LIFE Reporter

For years now, the Student Activities Board has offered students the opportunity to sip on a little caffeine while being entertained by talented University students.

Students that regularly attend these SAB events were treated to some extra sauce when the Spanish Club joined with the SAB to present Salsa Night.

Salsa Night is part of the Coffeehouse, an activity sponsored by the SAB. The Salsa Night Coffeehouse had a Latin theme Tuesday night with coffee and Mexican cookies being served free to all students with a current student I.D. Door prizes are given away, such as a coffee mug with "Coffee House" imprinted on it.

In addition to the free food and door prizes, students had an opportunity to receive free lessons from international students at the University on dancing to Salsa music.

Coffee house started out as an idea of the Student Activities Board as a way for all students to get together, have a good time, and meet new people instead of sitting in their dorm room being bored.

The Student Activities Board serves as a planning board for students at Northwestern State University, and this time, it was no different.

At first, it started as an activity that only occurred once or twice a semester, but as the idea grew, so did the demand for them to be put on more frequently.

Therefore, three years ago, they began to be held as a series, happening every two weeks, instead of just once or twice a semester.

There are always different activities each time a Coffehouse takes place, from concerts to hypnotists, so there is always something for everyone.

According to Heather Herbert, a member of the Student Activities Board, there has always been a good turnout, about 70 to 100 people each time a Coffeehouse is held.

How is all of this paid for? Look on your fee sheet, and you will see a fee called Student Association Fee, paid each semester. Ten dollars of that money goes towards the Student Activities Board to sponsor Coffeehouse and the many other activities the SAB puts on throughout the year, such as Homecoming, Spring Fling and the Lady of the Bracelet Pageant.

There is also a Freshmen Factor, which consists of only freshmen, directed at planning events throughout the year for freshmen to help them better adjust to their new surroundings.

As Luke Dowden, a graduate student on the SAB put it, "It is money well spent."

And what do students at Northwestern think about the Coffeehouse and other events planned by the Student Activities Board? "I think it's a good idea and a good way for us to get together and have fun, instead of just sitting around doing nothing," said one student.

For more information call the Student Activities Board at 357-6511 or go to room 221 in the Student Union and speak to SAB President Sarah Griffith or Assistant Director of Student Activities Suzanna Deshotel.

IM Events

Look for more IM Events to be announced in the weeks to come.

Call 357-5269 for more information



Sports

Lady Demons win, Demons place third at NSU Invitational



Crystal Munsinger and Christy Stark finished 1-2 at the NSU Invitational last Monday. Gary Hardamon/NSU Press

***Current Sauce* staff writers**

Crystal Munsinger and freshman Christy Stark led the NSU Lady Demons to a win on their home turf, knocking off seven other teams at the NSU Invitational at the Demon Hills Golf Course.

Munsinger and Stark finished 2-3 and were beaten only by Louisiana-Monroe's Rhonda Sherrer, who finished the 5,000M race with a time of 20:03.3. Munsiger clocked in next with a time of 20:13.7, and Stark finished third with a time of 20:31.8

The Lady Demons had five runners finish 14th or better, including three more freshman. Tonya Morris finished 11th with a time of 22:11.2, followed by Jill Schenk at 13th with a time of 22:35.9, and Lacy Fletcher finished the race in 18th place with a time of 23:01.8.

The Lady Demons won the event with a 26-point cushion in the final standings. In a scoring system in which the lower the number the better, NSU finished with a score of 43, followed by Louisiana-Monroe with 69. Lamar (88), Louisiana Tech (91), Centenary (99), Grambling (114) Louisiana College (226) and East Texas Baptist University rounded out the final standings.

ETBU did not score because five runners did not finish in the race.

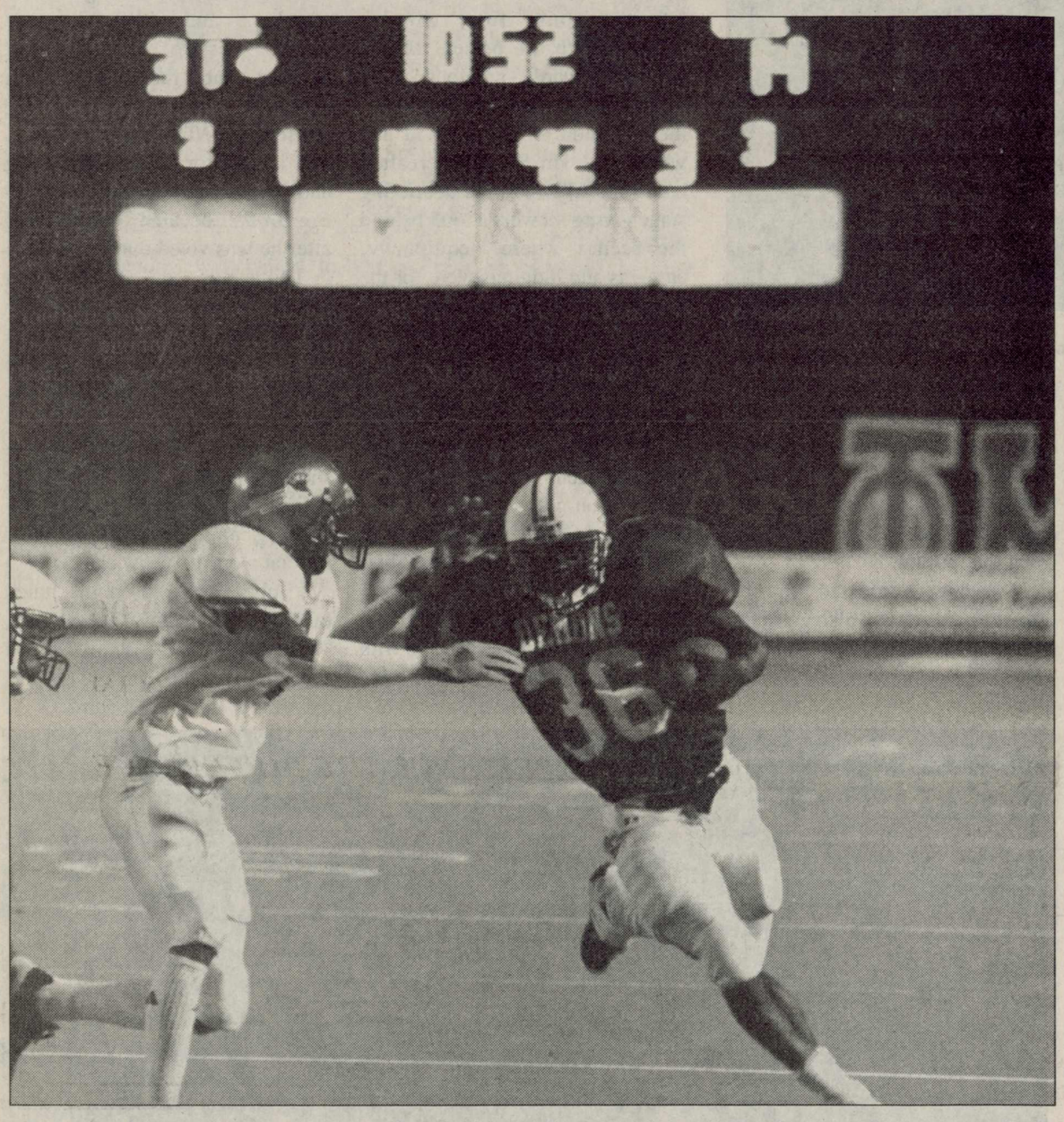
In the men's race, freshman Jonah Chelimo and senior Danon O'Kelly finished third and fourth respectively in the men's 8,000M race.

The Demons (53) finished third as a team, barely edged out of a second place finish with Louisiana-Monroe(52). The Lamar men won the overall points competition with a final score of 41.

Individual champion Mike McGovern of Lamar finished in a time of 27:05.2 to win the men's race. McGovern's teammate Joe Routt finished second with a time of 27:25.00.

Freshmen Daniel Agnew and Marko Danivic finished 12th and 24th in the race. Agnew finished with a time of 30:56.2, and Danivic checked in with a time of 33:50.2.

Both Demon teams will get two weeks off before the next meet. The two teams will run Oct. 20th at Lamar. The season will wrap up at the Southland Conference Championships Oct. 30 at Stephen F. Austin.



Tony Taylor is about to adjust the score on the scoreboard. Taylor ran for 143 yards and two scores in the Demons 57-17 rout of Gardner-Webb. Gary Hardamon/NSU Press

Demons overpower Gardner-Webb 57-17; Troy State up next

Offense, special teams shine against the Bulldogs

By Mindy Mixon
Sauce Reporter

The Gardner-Webb Bulldogs were just running scared after the Demon's finished with them last Saturday evening.

The Demons totaled an astonishing 620 yards on offense and crushed Gardner-Webb 57-17 at Turpin Stadium. Northwestern graced the stands with 11,288 fans.

The win now lifts the No. 15 ranked Demon's to a 3-1 record and gives them a two game winning streak before doing battle with the Troy State Trojans this Saturday at Turpin Stadium.

Quarterback Ben Beach looked sharp throughout the night, completing 15 of 22 passes and tossing three touchdowns. The Shreveport native had a total of 259 yards passing.

Tailback Tony Taylor ran for two touchdowns, 4 and 7 yards, with 143 yards total rushing. Emerging talent Jeremy Lofton ran for 155 yards, more than any other player in the game.

"That was a bright spot, seeing Jeremy run the ball better and better as the fourth quarter went on," said Demon head coach Steve Roberts. "He should have gotten some confidence."

The Demon running game gave plenty of opportunities for Beach to work the play-action pass, the highlight being an 82-yard strike to T.J. Sutherland in the first half.

Demon place kicker Clint Sanford kicked for a record fifteen points, with three field goal attempts of 22,21 and 35 yards and making all six extra points. The record of 11 points was held by three Demon kickers, the last being Thomas LaToof in 1998 against Sam Houston State. Sanford's accomplishment earned him the Southland conference player of the week award for special teams.

After a Demon turnover on the opening kickoff, Gardner-Webb quickly scored and started the game with a lead of 7-0, but the Bulldogs soon lost their zest after an 11-play , 76 yard drive capped off by Taylor's 4-yard touchdown . The Demons then ripped off 31 unanswered points in the first half before the Bulldogs were able to score again.

"We didn't start well, and we had some lulls, no doubt, " Roberts said. "But the bottom line is we played everybody we could and we got to sing the fight song with our band after the game. I'm happy to win and ready to get going for our conference opener."

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Demon kicker Sanford named Player of the Week

Sanford is third Demon to be named Player of the Week

By Mindy Mixon
Sauce Reporter

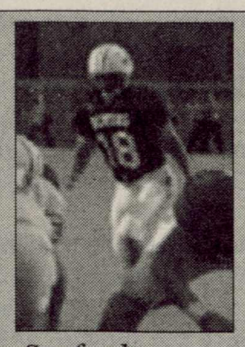
Southland Football League players of the Week Tony Taylor and Ahmad Willis have company. The Demon football team recently added the latest member, kicker Clint Sanford, who played an important part in the 57-17 win over the Gardner-Webb Running Bulldogs last Saturday .

Sanford single-handedly scored 15 points, with three field goals of 22,21 and 35 yards and successfully completed all six attempted extra points.

After his showing against the Running Bulldogs, he eased past record-setters Dale Quickels and Thomas Latoofs, who each put up 11 points back in 1981 and 1998.

No. 18 is fast approaching Randy Walker, who currently holds the Demon record for most field goals in a season with thirteen goals out of nineteen attempts. Sanford has hit seven field goals out of ten attempts, and there are still seven games left in the 2000 season.

Sanford's performance this year has placed him in the No. 8 position according to the NCAA I-AA statistical ranking and a respectable 38th place nationally where he scores an average of 8.0 points a game.



Sanford
Gary Hardamon/NSU Press

PK No. 18- Clint Sanford

Junior- Sulphur, LA

Scored school record15 pts. vs. Gardner-Webb

Hit seven of ten field goals on the season

Southland conference Player of the Week

Burke declines Akron job; decides to stay at NSU

AD says he's excited about the future of NSU Sports and wants to see them through

By Stephanie Elliott
Sauce Reporter

Athletics Director Greg Burke has with drawn from being a finalist for the Athletic Director at the University of Akron.

"It was an extremely difficult decision to make. My home is up there; I've got friends and family in that area," Burke said. "I know people in that department, some of them I have known for eight or nine years. It was extremely difficult. Moving to Akron would have been a nice opportunity."

This announcement came after Burke was named one of three finalists for the job at Akron, a division 1-A school in football.

"I am not in the job market. I am excited about the future at Northwestern. It's time to move forward and continue to advance NSU and its athletic program to even greater heights," Burke said. "I appreciate the opportunity to be interviewed for the job. NSU has so much going for it, and I enjoy taking part of it at this time."

Burke has brought about some improvements in the athletic facilities for softball, basketball, track and field and volleyball since he joined Northwestern back in 1996. Including winning 11 SLC championships in five different sports ranging from football to the most recent, the softball team.

"I have enjoyed tremendously working at NSU, This decision was much more about wanting to be here, than not wanting to be there. The people, within the athletic department, and the student athletes. The people on campus and the Alumni have all been so supportive of the athletic department," Burke said. "I felt like I wanted to continue to be apart of this. I am very happy here"

Burke's decision to stay came days before Assistant Athletic Director Kurt Gulbrand leaves NSU for the University of Michigan.



NSU AD Greg Burke will stay at NSU after being named a finalist for the Athletics Director job at the University of Akron. At press time, no one has yet been named to the position at Akron

File Photo

This Week in the Southland Conference

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Sam Houston State Bearkats at Jacksonville State Gamecocks- Paul Snow Memorial Stadium (15,000) Jacksonville, Ala. 2:00 p.m.

Jacksonville State sits atop the Southland standings with a 1-0 record after a 10-3 win over Nicholls State on Sept. 9.After scoring 10 points in its first two games, JSU exploded for 36 two weeks ago in a win over Samford. Sam Houston State snapped a three-game losing streak to the Gamecocks last year with its 34-point win.SHSU has won six of its last eight games, dating back to last year. The Bearkats' 3-1 record is their best since beginning the 1994 season with a 4-0 mark. Sam Houston State enters the contest ranking second nationally in pass defense (85.3 yards per game) and 11th in total defense (237.8).

Nicholls State Colonels at Southwest Texas State Bobcats- Bobcat Stadium (14,104) San Marcos, Texas 2:00 p.m.

This game has become known as "The Battle of the Paddle". It began in 1998 after the originally scheduled contest was postponed in October due to heavy rains that caused severe flooding in south central Texas. That game was made up at the end of the season with SWT taking a 28-27 decision. Brad Smith suffered a grade one concussion at Southwest Texas in the first half last year. He returned on the Colonels' final possession, but threw an interception on the first play of the drive. Nicholls State is looking to end a four-game losing streak that began after the Colonels won their season opener. Southwest Texas has won the last two in the series. The two have met each year since the 1984 season despite being Southland Football League foes since the 1991 campaign road. Southwest Texas plays three of its next four at home.

Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks at McNeese State Cowboys- Cowboy Stadium (17,410) Lake Charles, La. 7:00 p.m.

Southland play begins for both teams. Stephen F. Austin was picked second in the preseason by the League head coaches while McNeese State was third. SFA is looking to defend the League title it shared last season with Troy State. SFA head coach Mike Santiago was the offensive coordinator from 1990-98 at McNeese State before being hired the Lumberjacks. Stephen F. Austin has won three of the last four between the two. The Lumberjacks' 26-point win last season stopped a string of three games in which the final margin was less than a touchdown. McNeese leads the Southland in rushing offense (229.25 yards per game) and is second in passing efficiency (126.28 rating), giving the Cowboys the best overall offense (466.75). McNeese averages 67.5 yards per game more than Northwestern State, which ranks second in the Southland. Two of the top four running backs in the League square off in this contest, McNeese junior Jessie Burton and SFA senior Derrick Blaylock.

Gameweek 2000 Northwestern State Demons V Troy State Trojans

Troy State and NSU ready to rumble; Who's gonna win, check out the Prediction Station

By Rondray Hill

The fun and games are over, it's time to get down to business.

Conference play begins in most conferences, including the Southland. That means no more big blowouts of D-II schools, no more big paydays against big-time Division-I programs. The important games get underway this weekend, and what a way to open up the conference schedule with the defending conference champs, Troy State.

So beginning this week my weekly column will transform into the "Prediction Station," where I will break down the two teams, provide an insight, possible strategy and give you my predictions as to who will win. These predictions will be, in my opinion, honest and fair and will hold no biases. So lets get started.

The Teams: If there were two teams that were almost mirror images of each other, these two would be a good example of it. Both teams have high-profile running backs, Tony Taylor for NSU and Demon tray Carter of Troy State. Troy State QB Brock Nutter is first in the conference in passing average, while Ben Beach is third. Both teams' rushing defense are solid, with Troy State giving up only 88 yards a game while NSU gives up only 104 yards a game. Mark my words, the winner of this game will find a way to run the ball and open up the play-action pass for their quarterbacks.

Offense: Will the real Demon offense please stand up? In the two home wins, the Demon offense has been superb; 620 yards last week, 15-22 passing for Beach last week. A great offensive game. Against Central Florida, oh boy. In the 1st half against Louisiana-Lafayette, nothing. The offense will have to come out swinging and never let up in this one.

Defense: I already mentioned the rushing defenses both these teams have. When two teams with run games as good as both these teams have, somebody's defense is going to wear down first. This game may be decided on who's offense can stay on the field long enough a wear down the other defense. Troy State's secondary may have problems if T.J. Sutherland and the Demon receiving copr can get some catches early in the game.

Special Teams: When Demon Punt Returner Terrance McGee ran his second punt return back for a touchdown against Louisiana-Lafayette, I made a prediction that McGee would never see a punt kicked to him in conference play, and if he did, it would be by accident. We'll see how true my prediction will be. But let's talk about the Demon kicking game! I'm excited at the prospect of having the possibility of being able to score at least three points if need be. The Demons may need them because Troy State's punter, Matt Allen, is 11th in the country and he may have the Demons starting deep in their own territory.

Intangibles: Even though this game is being played at home, I hate to say it, but I don't think the crowd will be a factor. Maybe the Demon faithful can prove me wrong, but in a game like this, you've got to have good crowd support. And judging by the golf claps I heard when Beach hit Sutherland for a 82-yard TD pass last week, I don't think the crowd is ready for such a challenge this week.

The Prediction: Both teams want something to prove, both teams want to open up the conference with a win. But the one thing that will decide this game is that Troy State lost it's No. 1 ranking last week and are ticked off. And the last team you want play is one that is loaded with talent and, worst of all, angry. I also think that the home crowd wont make enough noise to keep the Trojans off balance. The Demons keep it close, but...

TROY STATE 27, NSU 24

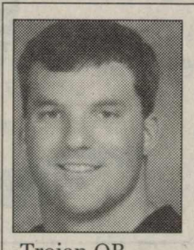
NSU Demons v Troy State Trojans
Saturday, Oct. 7- 6 p.m.

The Series: Troy State leads the series 9-3. Troy State is 4-1 over the last five years against NSU, including a 24-21 win last year

The Demons win if... they get an offensive output like they did last week and don't make any mistakes, because the Trojans will capitalize on any Demon turnovers.

Gametime Weather: Football weather! Highs Saturday will only reach the low 60's, with gametime temps in the 50's. Bring a jacket.

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Trojan QB Brock Nutter

The Demon Files
Subject: Troy State Trojans

Offense: Troy State has a dynamic one-two combo of All- SLC QB Brock Nutter and Auburn transfer HB Demon tray Carter.

Defense: The Trojan run defense is 10th in the nation, giving up only 88 yards per game, including holding Tony Taylor to 43 yards rushing last year.

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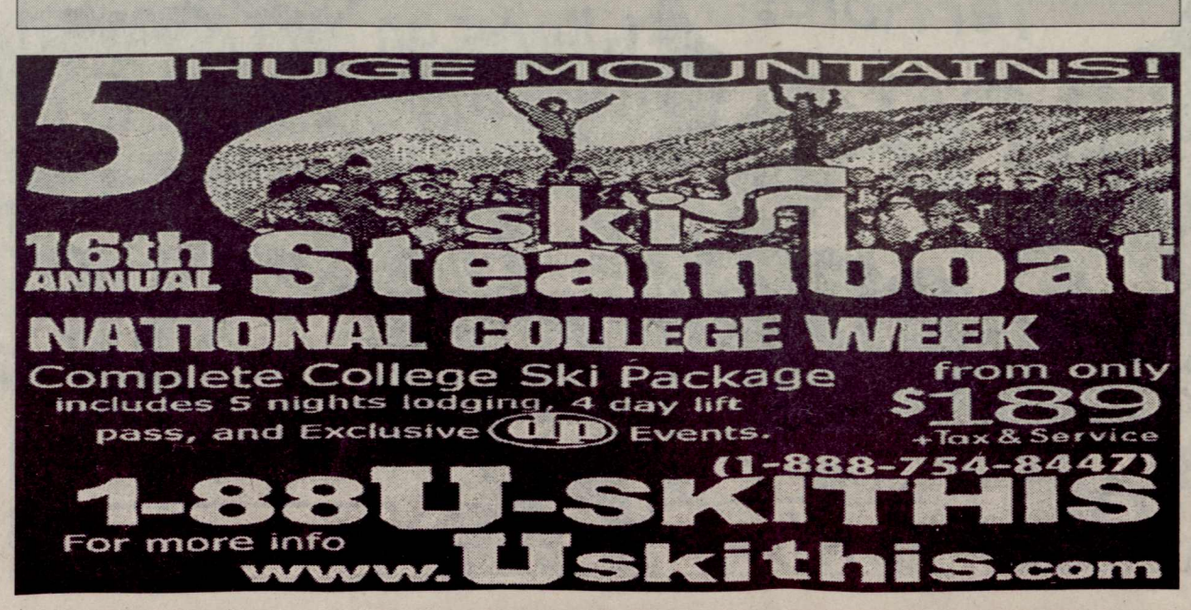
If you were unable to pick up your yearbook last semester, the Potpourri will hand them out at the end of this week. Anyone who has paid student association fees can pick up a yearbook October 4-6 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. in room 225 Kyser Hall.

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Opinions

The Human Mistake: Part Four

God's little hood ornament
Sauce transmitter

The following is part four of an ongoing series of articles by a student at the University.

Warning: This deals with sensitive material. Reader Discretion is advised.

I was the six-o-clock news waiting to happen.

As expected, the little psychotic kid who tried to kill himself was welcomed back into the middle school with open arms. I felt like a walking target. Kids suck.

I felt like I had no friends. I wore black and hung out with myself. The drugs I was on kept me from ever caring enough about anything to do anything at all.

Back in school I would fantasize constantly about large explosions destroying sensitive areas of my school. In my head, I was torturing the kid standing in front of me yelling insults.

I spoke maybe two words a day to my overworked, constantly depressed mother, and the relationship with my father was nonexistent when we weren't trying to tear each other's throats out.

I did no schoolwork. I paid attention to nobody. I hated every body. I also spent alot of time by myself learning how to make pipe bombs.

In class, I would try to plan where the bombs would have to go to kill the most people. I wanted on alternating days to die or to kill everybody else.

I was going to a psychologist at this time. You would think that a psychologist would be able to pick up on warning signs of such unstable behavior. A kid this unhappy who was constantly fantasizing about the death of all around him should set off warning bells in someone trained in the study of the human mind.

But, being the crafty little monster that I was, I found a way around my psychologist's Wiley ways.

I lied to him. He believed me. Like the teacher who said they could tell if you have cheated, he had no idea that everything I said to him was in no way the truth about anything.



"I was not an angel by any means."

A typical exchange went something like this:

Man in Coat (MAC) So… (Long Pause) How are you doing today?

Me (ME) Fine… (Long Pause)

MAC: Is something wrong?

Me: No, not really.

MAC: How is school going for you?

Me: Oh, fine.

MAC: Are you and your father doing ok?

Me: (sad look) As good as can be expected.

MAC: What does that mean?

Me: Well, (pause) He gets so mad, (sniff) and I don't understand why. I love him (tear), but he just doesn't understand and yells and stuff (cry).

MAC: I see. (pause) Well go into the waiting room, and I am going to talk to your father for a minute.

Me: Ok (sniffle sniffle).

I'd wait, and when they would call me back in, my father would look really guilty and apologize. I'd forgive, and we'd go home and be utter jerks to one another for a week, and this process would happen again.

I was not an angel by any means. I knew what buttons would push my father, and I'd push them. I would do everything I could to drive him into a furious anger and then be as innocent as possible when he would explode. Any situation that could have been resolved peacefully, I made sure became a riot.

At the end of every week, my dad was apologizing to me at the doctor's office and trying to reach the back seat of the car screaming on the way home.

I was a terrible child to my parents.

I kept taking the drugs. They did not keep me sane. They just kept me from actually attempting any of the fantasies in my head.

Till the end of my 8th grade year I stayed quiet and almost failed all of my classes. But, I made it through, and by the time I got to high school, I was so vulnerable I was ready to join any group that would take me in.

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I would like to thank those who have written in. Your support is appreciated.

Mary Freeman,
Opinions Editor

The *good*, the **bad**, and the ***ugly***

with Josh Beavers

Four votes. Four measly, insignificant votes is all that came between two people and a victory last week in the fall 2000 election runoffs.

Mark Bulot beat JaJuan Allen by three to be named Mr. NSU, and Brian Wilkinson won by a single vote over Stacey Cosby to claim a SGA sophomore senator position. That is all.

One vote. Three votes.

All it took for Cosby to win was two more people to come by for five seconds and flip the switch under her name.

Allen would be Mr. NSU if six people came by. I am sure that the two winners are happy that those people did not come by, but let's just stop for a second and think about this. People say their vote doesn't matter. This proves them wrong.

While this case does not especially apply to the real politics of this country, you must understand my point. Every vote does count.

Everyone who is a citizen of this country and is of legal age needs to vote. If you are unhappy with the current way things are going in the world, go vote. Nothing will ever change if no one votes. Don't leave it up to the people around you to decide the course of things to come.

Step up and take advantage of the opportunity to pick your leaders.

I will admit that I am not especially political savvy. I don't follow the scene like some people do nor do I love getting into heated political debates with those who do. To be honest, I don't even love *Politically Incorrect*; frankly it and it's host get on my last nerve. But I do know what I want, and I am savvy enough to pick the candidate that has the best chance of giving me that.

The point I am trying to make is that you don't have to know where everyone stands on every issue to know politics. Those who love the maneuvering of our political system may look at less knowledgeable individuals in disbelief and disdain.

"You don't know where Bush stands on abortion? You are dumb oaf and unfit to live."

Pay no attention to them. They think they are better than you, but they are not. Just because they can ramble on and on about issues and candidates doesn't mean a thing.

They have a self important air about them that usually is unfounded. Do not let anyone discourage you if you want to vote.

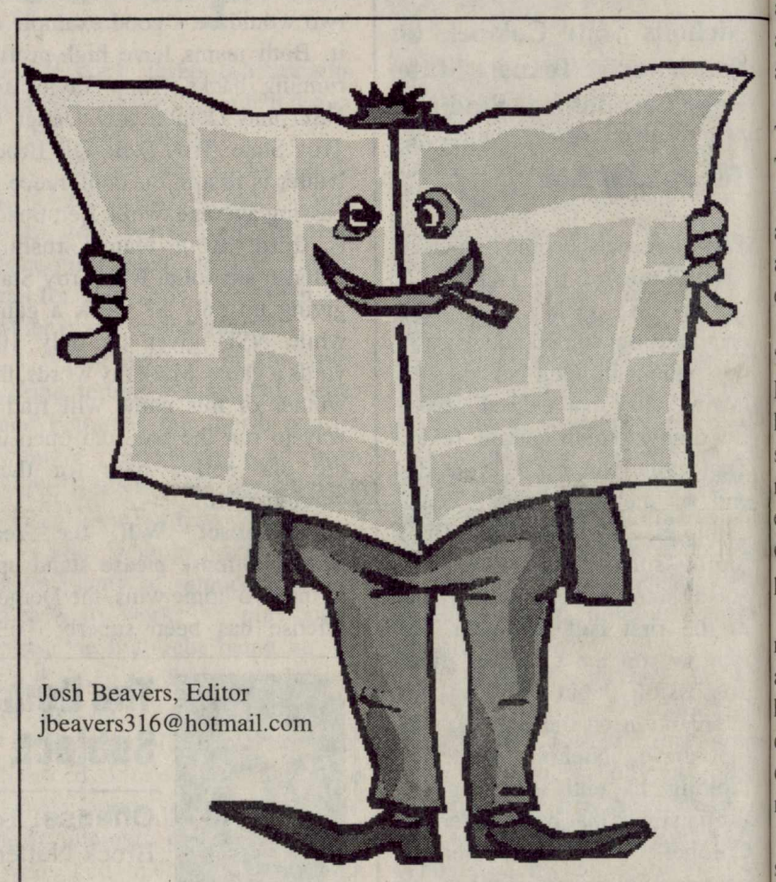
Even if you don't vote in real elections, at least take the time out of your lives to go by twice a year and vote in University elections.

Only about 5% of the students at this University vote. That means 95% of the students here do not vote. This is a staggering number even in this day and age of political apathy.

The highest turnout at the University was to vote for the IM referendum in 1998. That vote saw an unbelievable 11%.

I know it will never happen, but things will not change if people do not vote. It seems that the only people who vote on this campus are Greeks. It would seem that way since almost every year, Greeks dominate the elections.

If people do not vote, nothing will change. If everything is peachy in your life, then I guess you shouldn't vote. But even if you don't care about politics or who wins at Northwestern, look at it this way. If you don't like someone, vote against them. At least you will be voting, even if it is for the wrong reasons.



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RU-486 gets approval after years of late-term abortions

Elona A. Boggs
Opinions Columnist

The Food and Drug Administration's approval of the RU-486 pill last week has heightened the debate on the abortion issue.

The pill, used in France for more than a decade, is the only non-surgical form of abortion available. It has earned notoriety because of its elimination of most late-term abortions.

In 1996, the FDA deemed it a safe and effective means of abortion. Four years and thousands of unnecessary late-term abortions later, the FDA has given its stamp of approval.

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The approval comes in an ideal time for presidential candidates, sparking arguments on both sides of the forum. Gore supports the usage of RU-486, and Bush opposes it. The drug's release will be available on the markets in late November, around election time.

With the release, the FDA has provided a couple of regulatory conditions.

The pill must be used within the first seven weeks of pregnancy before a fetus is viable. Also, the drug can only be administered by surgeons in case any complications occur which require emergency surgery.

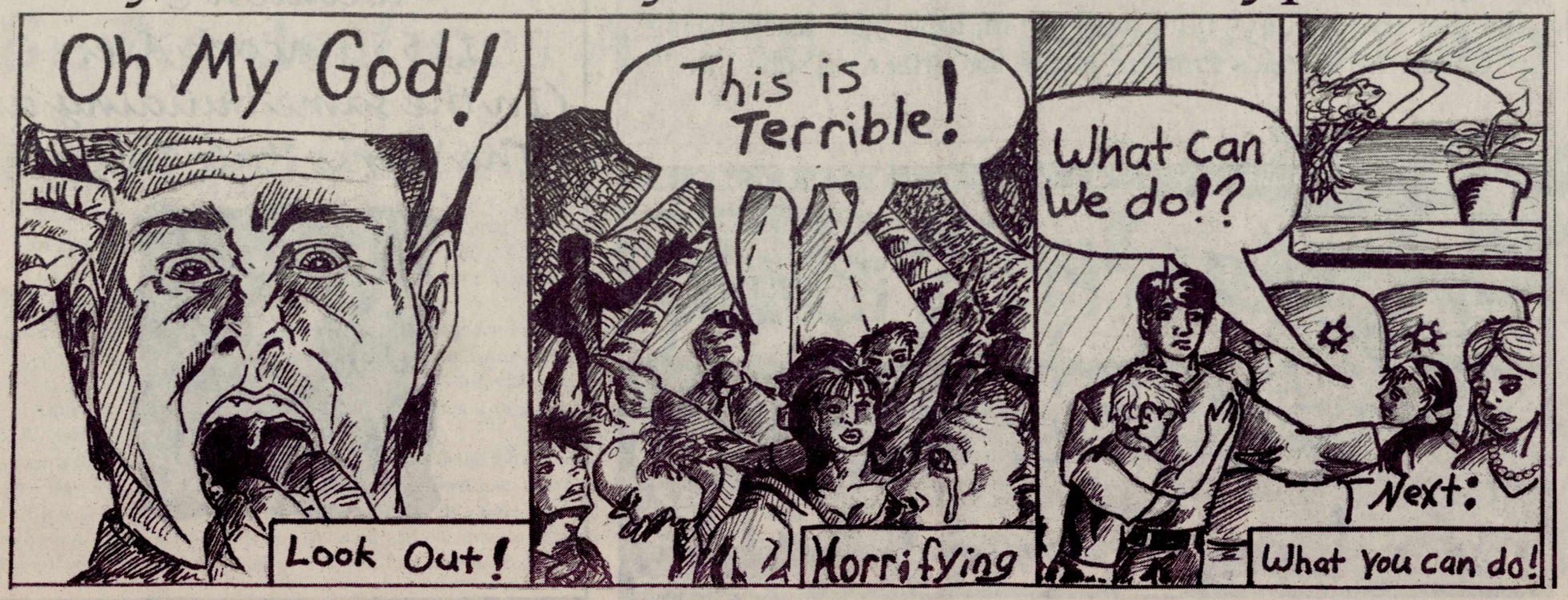
Undoubtedly, RU-486 will have an effect on our society in which no one, the FDA or presidential candidates, can predict.

Abortions will be more private and less costly. In addition, women that choose the RU-486 method will not face the same health consequences presented by surgical abortion.

Without regulation, these facts could lead to the abuse of the capabilities of RU-486. In my opinion, the FDA should make limitations on usage.

Abortion is an inevitable fact. Even though the effects of RU-486 remain unseen, one thing is certain. Because of this pill, there will be fewer late-term abortions. That is an indisputable improvement whether you are pro-choice or pro-life.

Tony Blanco & Larry Soileau's: Null Hypothesis



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Political analyst to speak at University

By Randall S. Frederick
Sauce Reporter

On Tuesday, political analyst and pollster Elliot Stonecipher will be a guest speaker at the University.

The forum is sponsored by the International Radio and Television Society (IRTS) and the Northwestern Journalism Department.

Stonecipher's presence was requested by Assistant Professor of Journalism Mary Brocato, who said Stonecipher was very excited about coming to NSU, and told her, "I've never turned down an invitation to speak at a college or university, and so, yes, I'll be very happy to come."

Right now, Stonecipher is in great demand all over the South, and his appearance on campus is a valuable, exciting and fortunate asset for students and faculty.

The forum will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 17th at 5 p.m. in the TV Studio of Kyser Hall, room 142. All students of every major are asked to attend, ask questions and share in the learning experience.

His topic Tuesday will be "Political Polls: Are They the Final Answer?" He will be holding an open forum for all students and Natchitoches residents, speaking on the elections and making predictions on the outcome of the Nov. 7th presidential election.

His speech is intended to raise awareness of the candidates and inform the audience about how to interpret, analyze and dissect the ever increasing polls on CNN, CSPAN and every other major news source.

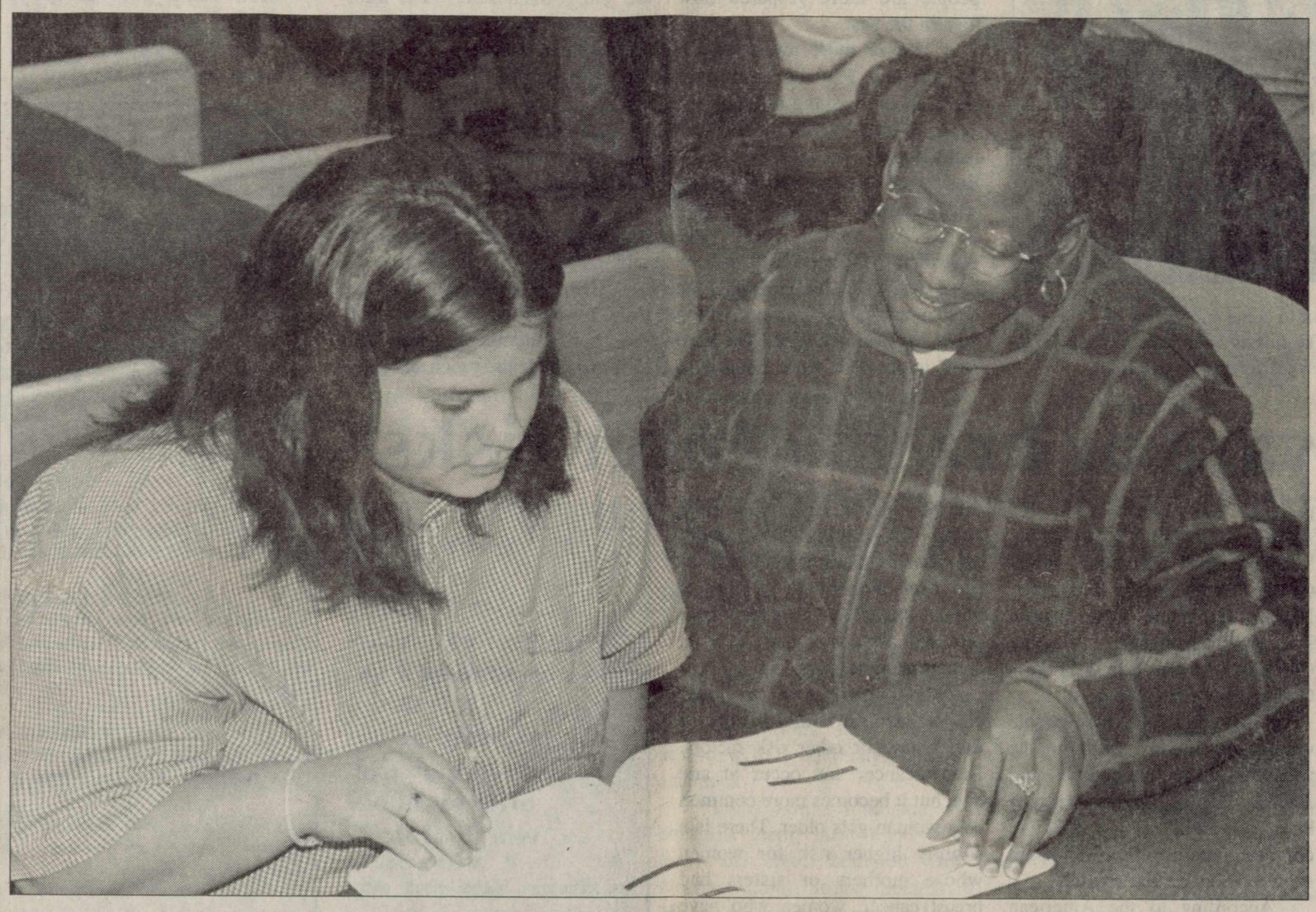
A question and answer session will be held with the audience, where he is expected to explain what the "margin of error" is and how it relates to landslide victories and surprise wins.

Stonecipher is nationally known for his experience in the field of politics. He has conducted over 200 polls ranging from school board elections to presidential elections and tested marketing responses for major corporations and educational institutions around the state to gauge public response.

He also serves as a part-time professor at Centenary College, where he speaks on the analyzing and interpretation of political polls.

In addition, the television news station KSLA and *The Shreveport Times* frequently have him as a featured commentator and writer during election season, most recently in previous weeks.

Midterm Blues



Midterms are due out next week and many students will be faced with the choice of dropping a class or toughing it out the rest of the semester. Two offices at the University are here to help. Dropping is not the only solution and the offices of Student Support Services and Academic Advising can work with students to determine the best course of action. They offer a variety of services, such as tutoring as seen in the above picture.

Two offices on campus designed to help students seek solutions for difficult decisions

Midterms are a stressful time for students. Once all the tests are over, a tough decision has to be made. Should the student tough out the rest of the semester in a class or make a trip to the registrar's office and drop?

Luckily, students of Northwestern have people to help them make this decision. Two University offices are here for the sole purpose of helping students decide what to do next.

The Office of Academic Advising and the Office of Student Support Services are both located on the second floor of Kyser Hall and specialize in helping students come to a decision.

Student Support Services is not available for everyone, however. The office operates from a federal grant, and only students who are first generation in college and meet an income criteria set by the U.S. Department of education have access to the services. The income level is at about 150 percent of the poverty level.

"Many of our students qualify on both counts, but we can't serve them all," Director of Student Support Services Don Barker said. "We're only given the resources to serve 350 students."

The office offers tutoring in most core curriculum areas and a few major classes such as accounting and nursing. They also provide academic advising, personal and social counseling, academic instructions and major career counseling. They have three counselors on the Natchitoches campus and one in Shreveport.

"We have a lot to offer," Barker said. "Unfortunately, we are a very limited program as far as the number of students we can help."

Barker recommends all students who need help and do not meet the qualifications go down the hall from his office to the Office of Academic Advising

"That's where students who have decided to stay in a class but are struggling should go to seek help," Barker said.

The Academic Advising Office offers many of the same services Student Support Services does but is open to all students and has 15 tutors and three counselors to aid students with their midterm decisions.



While there are many University programs to aid students, officials say the only true way a person can improve is through themselves. Going to class regularly and studying is the key to good grades.

"Students certainly can improve," Coordinator of Academic Advising Christie Anderson said. "Midterm grades are not final and just because a student has an F does not mean they should drop the class."

She believes that students can judge whether or not they should drop.

"Midterms are not a magic warning system," she said. "A student can have an A at midterm and still fail the class."

Anderson believes that a student should talk to their instructor about the problems and see if there is anything that can be done to pull the grade up. She also recommends talking to an advisor.

"That is what they are there for," she said. "Advisors can help you find tutors and help in other ways."

Despite all the services offered to students, Anderson says it is ultimately up to the student to determine what to do.

"I do recommend dropping if the student sees no other way out," she said. "But I think they should exhaust all other options first."

STORY BY JOSH BEAVERS, PHOTOGRAPHY BY VIRGINIA DIXON

Electrical Engineering program approaching accreditation

By Windy S. La'Borde
Sauce Reporter

All of the University's degree programs have been accredited except for the Electrical Engineering Associate and Bachelor of Science degree, but that should soon change.

The Electrical Engineering Technology, EET, department, actually grew out of the Industrial Technology degree program, which has been accredited for years under the NAIT, National Association of Industrial Technology.

When EET branched off into its own program, it became necessary to meet accreditation requirements of the ABET, Accreditation Board for Electrical Engineering and Technology.

The department must meet very specific criteria laid out by the Board of Regents and ABET to be accredited. First of all, the courses and computer labs must be conducive to the one set forth by these boards. Also, the faculty must have certain degrees and training.

A specified number of students must be enrolled to show the program is getting support in the location, and support services must be available for these students. This requires the library to have reference materials for studying out of class, scholarships must be available, and the administration must be supportive of the program.

Graduates from the program must be watched to see if they have succeeded after graduating. The department must also have set goals for itself and be under constant improvement.

"The process is hard but good for us. You wind up getting the benefit of other's experience," said Thomas Paul, director of the Industrial Technology department.

The EET program began to undergo the accreditation improvements in 1996. Even so, the department must have students graduate under the new curriculum, which takes a minimum of four years. Soon, though, on Oct. 22-24 an accreditation team will come to inspect the department.

"I feel real confidant that we've got what we need," says Paul.

The department will be given the thumbs up or thumbs down in July 2001.

The ideal accreditation for the program would be for at least six years,



Courtney Payne/Current Sauce

Four individuals have been arrested with the break in that occurred last month at the Kappa Sigma Fraternity House. the front door had to be replaced, as well as, windows, a ceiling fan and other items. The total damage came to almost $7,000.

Four arrested in connection with break in

By Raymond Williams
Sauce Reporter

Two university students and two non-students were arrested after a month-long investigation of the damaging of the Kappa Sigma's fraternity house.

University students, Cedric Miller and Jacob Price were charged with Simple Criminal Damage to Property along with Dant'e Johnson and Antoinya Curry.

University Police reported that the incident began off campus at a local bar.

There a group of individuals allegedly had several fights with Kappa Sigma members. According to the report, alcohol contributed heavily to the altercations.

According to police documents, a large crowd gathered at the Kappa Sigma house, which is located adjacent to Prather Coliseum. Several people entered the fraternity house after failing to get a response from residents. They proceeded to break up the house, which resulted in interior and exterior damage. The estimated total of damages is almost $7, 000.

Lee Posey, Kappa Sigma alumnus, said the front door had to be replaced, as well as, windows, a ceiling fan and other items.

"Obviously, we don't care for these things to happen," Posey said. "We don't want anyone doing that to anybody's house."

University police had withheld information about this incident since its occurrence in September. The department felt that premature information could spoil the month long investigation, which resulted in the arrest of the four individuals.

According to University Police, the investigation is still "on-going and can result in the issuance of more arrest warrants."



Courtney Payne/Current Sauce

A bill was opened last week for a vendor to come and rewire all of the exit doors in the dorms to increase safety. The current card reader system is old and in need of repair according to Housing Director Woody Blair.

Officials make plans to increase dorm safety

By Heather Patton
Sauce Reporter

Dorm security and safety appears to be improving according to some University officials.

Woody Blair, director of student housing, said even though violence is more common today, people are more prepared now than in the past.

"We're more aware of the dangers now. First, hopefully your residents are looking out for each other. Secondly, there is more technology to keep students safer. Residents have to secure safety and be aware of who's on their floor. You should know your neighbors," Blair said. "Now, we have residence hall councils up and running, and we're getting them to work on that. We have staff in the hall from noon to 6 a.m., so someone's on the floor 18 hours a day."

Blair said the use of card access and cameras will make residence halls more secure. Blair also said that a bill was opened last week for a vendor to come and rewire all of the exit doors in the dorms.

"Some have worn out and some are old," Blair said. "The first phase of security will be the one-card system. Students will get to use their school ID like a debit card.

"For example, when you get here, you wouldn't have to change banks. You could just use your card, and it would take it directly from the bank you use now," Blair said.

Blair suggests that students make a list of their valuables and their serial numbers. Blair also said for students to check with their parents to make sure they are covered on their homeowner insurance. If not, students can always purchase renter's insurance.

Detective Doug Prescott of the University police said that students should be more careful of who they trust.

"You can't trust anybody completely," Prescott said. "You may know someone all your life and still be the victim of a theft."

Prescott advises students to keep themselves safe. He suggests purchasing a personal alarm, which is $54 on average.

"For co-ed dorms, you should remember that males will be in the halls," Prescott said. "Don't go through the stairwells alone. I don't encourage anyone to be out alone at night. Tell your roommate where you're going when you leave, even if you go out to your car for a minute."

Campus Connections

NSU CLUB SOCCER

The NSU Club Soccer team is looking for new members.The first informational meeting will be held behind Watson Library. Everyone is welcome. Any questions, call Cesar Isguitt, at 354-6483.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

The SGA would like to tell all students about a few of the programs they are undertaking this school year. Don't forget to pick up your free scantrons, every Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 222 of the Student Union. You will need a student I.D. to take advantage. Also, check out the Book Swap Board while you are there and see if someone has a book you need at a cheaper rate.

WATSON LIBRARY

The staff of Watson Library would like the students of NSU to know about a new service that could help them in their educational growth. For more information, check with the circulation department.

WESLEY WESTMINSTER FOUNDATION

Students can have lunch at the Wesley Westminister Foundation (between Magee's and The Ink Spot) on Tuesday from 11:30 until 1:00. The first visit is free and $1 each time thereafter. Worship services are held from 6:30-7:30 pm each Wednesday.

COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

College Democrats would like inform students of their informational meetings every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union.

STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE

Meetings are held every Wednesday at noon in room 224 of Russell Hall. All majors welcome.

CLUB GAIA

NSU's environmental issues and awareness organization, would like to announce Well Woods Cleanup this Saturday. Meet in front of Morrison Hall at 9:45 a.m. Also, weekly meetings are Mondays at 8 p.m. in Boozman Dorm. All interested are invited to attend.

SENATE POSITIONS

The SGA has 7 Senator at Large and 1 Senior Class Senator positions open. Applications can be picked up in room 222 of the student union and returned to the same room when completed. For more information call 357-4501.

Group aware of breast cancer risks

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and a group at Northwestern State University will be working to get out the message about early detection of the disease.

The Community Wellness Project at NSU is heading an effort to inform students at Northwestern and Natchitoches-area residents what they can do to fight breast cancer. The project is headed by Patrice Moulton, head of the Department of Psychology at NSU, Professor of Health and Human Performance Michael Moulton, and graduate students Jamie Anding of Natchitoches and Amanda Owen of Ruston.

Other Breast Cancer Awareness Team Members are Susan Barnett, Catherine Hansen, Virginia Cecchini, Cynthia Lindsey, Susan White, Patricia Pierson, Rebecca Boone, Vicki Parrish, Claudia Triche and Linda Roach.

Also volunteering for the project are Darlene Williams, Ina Agnew, Reatha Cox, Wendy Schuller, Katy Hall, Sally Hunt, Gillian Rudd, Penny Simpson,. Norann Planchock, Jean Martin, Barbara Duchardt, Virginia Crossno, Tammie Pezant, Frances Conine and Tara Gallien.

"We believe that these people will be very effective in getting the word out in the community," said Anding. "These people are well known and are effective communicators. This program should be quite successful."

According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer is the leading cancer diagnosed in America. This year, more than 175,000 women will learn they have the disease, and more than 43,000 women will die from breast cancer.

The American Cancer Society recommends that women perform breast self-exams each month. Women age 20 to 39 should have a clinical breast exam by a health care provider at least every three years. In addition to monthly breast self-exams, women age 40 and over should have a clinical breast exam by a health care provider each year and have an annual mammogram.

Most women who get breast cancer have no family history of the disease or other risk factors. Breast cancer can occur at any age, but it becomes more common as a woman gets older. There is a slightly higher risk for women whose mothers or sisters had breast cancer, women who have never had children and women who had their first child after age 30.

"It's important to get that message out to women about prevention," said Schuller, the associate women's basketball coach at NSU. "I'll be talking to women athletes. And women athletes think they are invincible, this disease couldn't happen to them. They need to be aware of breast cancer.

"If women can hear this message and go back and tell their sisters, mother or grandmother, the effort will be worthwhile."
Wendy Schuller,
associate women's basketball coach

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For more information, contact the NSU Department of Psychology at (318) 357-6594.

CIS teacher awarded Bell South Professorship

When Lissa Pollacia, an associate professor of Computer Information Systems at Northwestern State University, taught her first course via the Internet in 1996, it was to a group of students with little or no knowledge about the Internet.

"My thinking was, what better way to teach the Internet than to utilize the Internet," she said.

Pollacia, who was one of the first faculty members at NSU to teach an undergraduate course entirely online, is the first recipient of the Bell South Endowed Professorship in Telecommunications. Her Internet course, "Understanding and Utilizing the Internet," was the first online course accepted by the Southern Region Electronic Campus from the state of Louisiana.

Pollacia, a native of Lake Charles, has been on NSU's faculty for 13 years. She earned her bachelor of science in mathematics education and her master of science in mathematics from Northwestern. She earned her master of science in computer science and her doctorate in computer science from the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

She was the principal investigator for a Board of Regents grant for training in the theory and practice of online education. The grant "Creating Global Classrooms via Internet Technology" provided both equipment and training to expand online offerings to include other computer courses and a mathematics course.

Pollacia is considered by her colleagues to be a leader in the area of "E-learning." She has given workshops on converting curriculum to online format and was one of the principal authors of NSU's E-Learning policies.

In 1996, Pollacia was named the recipient of the Mildred Hart Bailey Research Award at Northwestern for her development of a new, innovative method for modeling simulation software while it is in the specification and design stages.

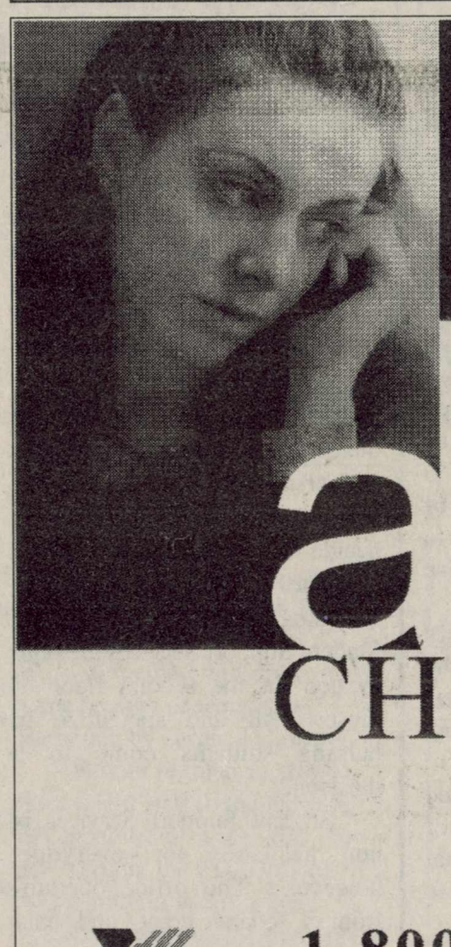
She has done extensive research in the field of E-learning and has made presentations at conferences throughout the United States. She will present a paper at the International Association of Computer Information Systems conference in Las Vegas in October.

Pollacia plans to do further research into the effective practices of electronic learning. She will examine characteristics of successful online students, compare Northwestern's current electronic learning courses in CIS and Office Information Technology with other similar programs throughout the United States and investigate and determine what kinds of activities best enhance student learning in the virtual classroom.

She also feels that the best way to reach the students of Louisiana is to train the public school teachers on the latest use of technology in the classroom. By providing basic Internet training (via the online Internet course) to K-12 public school teachers in northwest and central Louisiana,
teachers will be exposed to the educational uses of the latest telecommunications technologies.

The Bell South Endowed Professorship in Telecommunications was established in 1998. Bell South donated $60,000, which was matched with $40,000 from the Board of Regents' Support Fund. When the professorship was established, Herschel Abbott, president of Bell South's Louisiana operations said the professorship would mesh with the company's goal of utilizing telecommunications technology to bring about change in the state's educational system.

Northwestern has taken a leadership role among state institutions in using the Internet to deliver instruction. This fall, 75 classes are being taught via the Internet, compressed video and desktop video. The University currently offers one degree through the Internet and plans to offer five new degrees soon.



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Archaeology students get high-tech to uncover past

A group of archaeology students at Northwestern State University will get to dig into some of this area's past this semester.

But instead of just using picks and shovels, these students will get to use some high-tech tools to uncover the past.

The students will be working in an archaeological field school at Fort Jesup near Many. They will be instructed by Tommy Hailey, the Clyde Bostick Professor of Social Sciences at NSU.

Students in the course (Anthropology 4110) are Brian Cable of Leesville and Scott Faris of New Llano, Scott DeBose of Many, Kaitlin Deslatte of Centerville, Dustin Fuqua and Caleb Johnson of Marksville, Heather Jarrell of Pineville, Richard Holloway of Alexandria, Jonathan Stark of Sugartown and Jill Manning of Garland, Texas.

"Having this equipment available for our students will help them a great deal. At other schools, undergraduates may see this equipment but they don't get to learn how to use it."

Tommy Hailey,
Professor of Social Sciences

After the territorial boundary between La. and Texas was fixed at the Sabine River by the Florida Purchase Treaty of 1819, the United States built Fort Jesup in 1822. Lt. Col. Zachary Taylor, a future U.S. president, established and commanded the garrison. It was originally called Cantonment Jesup in honor of Taylor's good friend Brigadier General Thomas Sidney Jesup.

Taylor's troops managed to establish law and order in the area, and Fort Jesup remained an important military post for nearly 25 years. The fort was abandoned in 1846 when it was no longer needed as a border outpost.

The fort is a State Historic Site. Fort Jesup is a National Historic Landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

According to Hailey, the objective of the field school is to define the boundaries of the fort. He said there are three historic maps of the site, but they don't quite match up. The maps show many of the same buildings but not always in the same places. In some instances, a map will show buildings not shown on the other maps.

"We will use some of the latest high-tech equipment in the field school," said Hailey. "The fort goes a long way beyond the boundaries of the state commemorative area. We will use the equipment to find what is left of fort buildings outside the boundaries and get an idea what life was like at the post."

With the assistance of the U.S. Forest Service and the Tunica-Biloxi tribe, NSU will be able to use ground penetrating radar, electromagnetic conductivity, cesium magnetometry and a Global Positioning Systems receiver at the site to find the remnants of buildings. Kent Schneider and Doug Luepke of the U.S. Forest Service have been on site at Fort Jesup to provide instruction about the equipment. Schneider is a remote sensing specialist and Luepke is a Global Positioning System specialist.

"There may be no surface evidence of the buildings but there are stone foundations beneath the ground. We can pick up on those," said Hailey. "We hope to be able to find wells that were there as well as a cemetery that was at the post."

Hailey said the high-tech equipment will be used to find the buildings before any digging is done. The equipment will allow the students to locate remnants more precisely.

"Having this equipment available for our students will help them a great deal," said Hailey. "At other schools, undergraduates may see this equipment but they don't get to learn how to use it."

Hailey said area landowners have been very cooperative in allowing students and researchers to do work on their property. He also singled out Park Manager Donna Spears for providing assistance.

Students pleased with campus

Survey says parking is biggest complaint

By Windy S. La'Borde
Sauce Reporter

The Board of Regents conducts a survey, the ACT Student Opinion Survey, at the end of every semester to rate the University on certain areas, and the official results are in. Students reveal how they feel about faculty, buildings and teachers.

Overall and with the exception of parking, Northwestern's facilities scored relatively high. The results show that 41.6% were very dissatisfied while 29.4% were dissatisfied. On the other hand, professor's attitude towards students gained 66.9% of student approval. Also, 77% were satisfied with the preparation received for future occupations. Classroom facilities received an approval ranking of 69.9% and buildings 61%. The college as a whole was given a 74.6% thumbs up by students.

In comparison, Louisiana Tech University's parking rated 42.3% very dissatisfied and 30.7% dissatisfied. They received 80% thumbs up on the college in general.

Louisiana State University parking was at 29.5% very dissatisfied and 31.3 dissatisfied. 82.4% of the students were satisfied with the college overall.

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Political apathy at all time high

By Bess Renfrow
Sauce Reporter

Political apathy is highly prevalent in young adult society. This is nothing new though, according to a university political scientist.

"Teens don't think that it concerns them; most don't pay taxes and aren't bothered with worries about Social Security, Medicaid or Medicare," Alex Aichinger, professor of political science, said.

The executive power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America. This is the sentence that begins the second article of the Constitution.

When the men present at the Constitutional Convention decided to separate the government into three completely different branches, they chose one man to retain the power of the executive branch.

When considering the power this office holds, one would think that the choosing of the person to fill it would be an extremely important decision. Yet, a poll taken by the U.S. Census shows only 32 percent of eligible eighteen to twenty-four year olds exercise their right to vote.

A poll taken by UCLA found that freshman have the lowest levels of political interest.

Only 26.7 percent reported that "keeping up to date with political affairs" is an important life goal. The poll says many students give the same excuses of why not to vote. The say things like: I'm too busy; I don't have time; it's not that important, and nothing I do will affect the race anyway. Many seem at odds with the way the government works.

Those who understand it are influenced by the general attitude of pessimism concerning politics and government. Those who don't understand it are lost in a world of pork-barrel spending, a balanced budget and an ever elusive surplus.

Yet, few people take the time to learn enough about it to make their own decision. However, efforts are being made to encourage young people to vote.

Candidates in the upcoming presidential election have appeared on a variety of TV shows ranging from Oprah to MTV, and all have the intention of reaching America's youth. There is also an organization known as *Rock the Vote* which is aimed at increasing voter registration among young people. It's program, *Rock the Nation*, sponsors public service announcements featuring young people who are making a difference in their communities.

These are just a few ways America is trying to end the growing apathy which seems to be so apparent in the youth of today.

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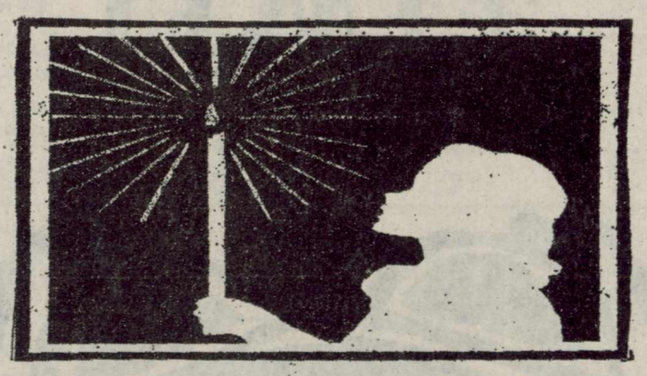
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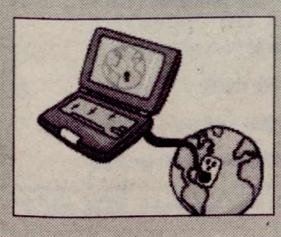
Sponsored by the YWCA Family Violence Program, Natchitoches Office.

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SGA Senate Minutes for 10/9/2000

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Present:
Ja'Juan Allen
Leanna Anderson
Chante Bellard
Wayne Bush
Vanessa Byrd
Jonathan Chance
Matthew Comeaux
Andrew Davies
Dustin Floyd
Jack Givens
Will Hooper
Elizabeth Hughes
Dustin Matthews
Joni Naquin
Jeremiah Newsom
Jennifer Paul
Shelly Smith
Glenn Ward
Brian Wilkinson
John-Michael McConnell

Absent:
Amanda Barrios-excused
Jessica Cramer-excused
Kimberly Dickerson-excused
Shaun Jackson-excused
Paul Monteleone
Justin Owen-excused
Casey Ponder-excused
Frank Toro
Rusty Broussard-excused
David Gunn-excused

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm.

The prayer was led by Leanna Anderson.

The pledge was led by Jeremiah Newsom.

The 10/2 minutes were amended to include Jeremiah Newsom as present on the roll. The amended minutes were approved by general consent.

Executive Reports

Treasurer-John-Michael McConnell-Student Association Fee budgets are to be approved in New Business. Fiscal Affairs reviewed Aviation Conference money and recommend it to be approved in New Business. Fiscal Affairs also recommends that the Senate approve the money for Freshman Connection t-shirts. Fiscal Affairs will meet on Wednesdays at 3pm in the Conference Room.
Vice-President-Rusty Broussard-attending COSBP conference.
President-David Gunn-attending COSBP conference.

Department/Committee Reports

Academic Affairs-AndrewDavies reported for Amanda Barrios-Scantron Giveaway is on Monday from 11am-1pm. This is going well, help if you can. Academic Affairs meetings are Wednesday at 5pm.

External Affairs-Andrew Davies-Meeting tomorrow at 5:30pm. Working on Homecoming Float and Banner. Radio Show is Tuesdays 9am-12pm.

Club Sports-Matthew Comeaux-Meeting tomorrow at 4pm. Will be going through files. Received one response from Louisiana Tech in regards to the letter sent a few weeks ago. They have Rugby, Lacrosse, Swimming, and other teams.

Organizational Grants Matthew Comeaux-Met last Monday after the meeting. 5 organizations submitted a grant. 4 organizational grants with a maximum amount of $250 were approved by the committee and must be approved in New Business. One application from each of the following were approved: Scholars' College, Circle K, Alpha Phi Alpha, and Order of Omega. These are recommended to be approved by the Senate in New Business.

Internal Affairs-Vanessa Byrd-All Senators will be named on an application for a scholarship from a National Student Government Organization. Shaun Jackson has been recommended by Internal Affairs to be the September of the Month with approval of the Senate in New Business. Office hours this week were not good. Try to dobetter next week. Todd Yorehas officially resigned. Thefiling cabinet is being cleanedslowly. Senators should check their boxes more than once a week. Today we reviewed the by-laws.

Student Affairs-Justin Owen(not present)-no report.

IM Policies & Procedures-Jeremiah Newsom and Casey Ponder(not present)-no report.
SAB Non-Voting Representative-the Slamboree is the 26th. Varnado is having a door decorating contest. Miss Residential Life, a cross dressing contest for guys will be held soon.

Class Council of Freshman Affairs-Dustin Floyd-doubled membership. Doing a lot of publicizing this week. Committee meetings are Wednesdays at 4pm, and the actual class council meetings are Thursdays at 6pm.

Election Board-Joni Naquin by-weekly meetings,probably on Thursdays. We will discuss how effective the polls being in Iberville were.

New Business

John-Michael spoke about the Freshman Connection t-shirts. We should allot the full $5,000, but through bidding and SAB paying a portion, we will not actually spend that much. Fiscal Affairs is recommending that SGA approve this.
Matthew Comeaux moved to approve the allocation of $5,000 to the purchase of Freshman Connection t-shirts. The motion was seconded. The motion was approved 19-0-0.

John-Michael McConnell spoke about which budgets will be up for approval with Fiscal Affair's recommendation- Union Board Drama, Student Trust Fund, SGA, Rowing Team, Club Sports, Leisure Activities.

Jeremiah Newsom moved to approve these budgets. The motion was seconded. The motion was approved 19-0-0.

Vanessa Byrd spoke about Internal Affairs recommendation that Shaun Jackson be named September Senator of the Month. Matthew Comeaux moved that Shaun Jackson be named September Senator of the Month. The motion was seconded. The motion was approved 19-0-0.

John Coco and Ben Cross from the 'Flying Demons' spoke about the money needed by the aviation team for their Wednesday conference.
Jeremiah moved that $5,025 be allocated to cover the expenses incurred by the aviation conference. The motion was seconded. The motion was approved 19-0-0.

Matthew Comeaux spoke concerning the Organizational Grants that were approved by the committee last Monday. Those approved were Louisiana Scholars' College for the purchase of a periodical subscription which will be put in the Library, Circle K for spaghetti which will be sold to raise money to prevent IDD, Alpha Phi Alpha for a Black and Gold Ball, and the Order of Omega for their Greek Carnival.
Matthew Comeaux moved to approve the Organizational Grants for $250 for the Louisiana Scholars' College, Circle K, Alpha Phi Alpha, and the Order of Omega. The motion was seconded. The motion was approved 19-0-0.

Announcements/Special Reports

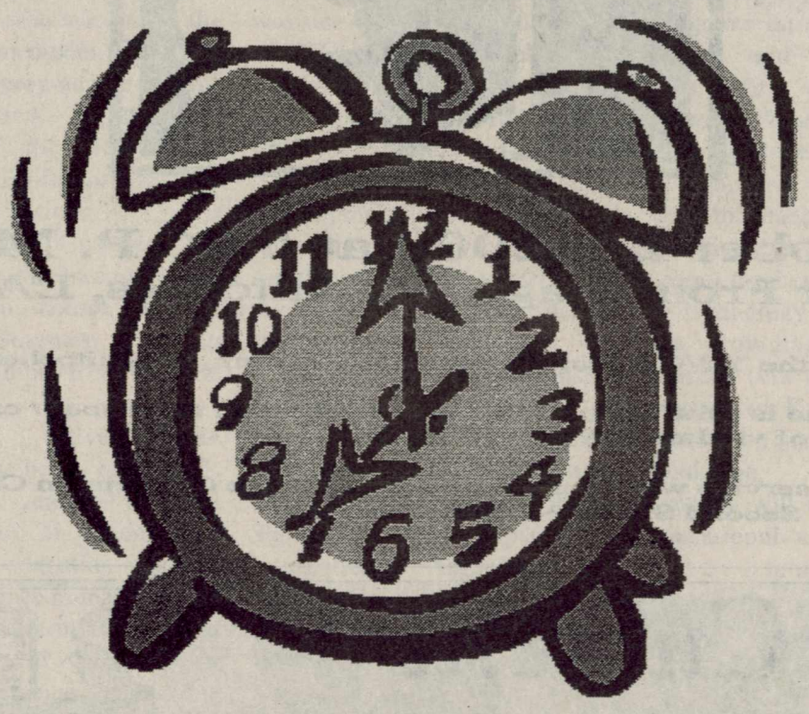
Invitation from the African American Caucus for a fashion show to raise money for a Breast Cancer Foundation. It will be on the 10th at 7pm.

Traffic Appeals will meet next Monday (16th) at 2pm.

Traffic and Parking will meet next Tuesday (17th) at 2pm.

Matthew Comeaux will write letters to organizations tomorrow to let the organizations know whether or not they have received their grants.

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Economy, stringent admissions may be behind lower college enrollments

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - A strong economy and higher admissions standards may be the reasons for a slight decline in the number of students enrolled in Louisiana's public colleges and universities this year.

The number of students attending the state's 24 colleges and universities declined 1,100 from 1999 to 2000, according to preliminary enrollment figures released by the state Board of Regents.

The decline from 176,584 students to 175,484 students represents a decrease of .6 percent. The number of college students in Louisiana increased about that amount from 1998 to 1999.

Joseph Savoie, state commissioner of higher education, described the enrollment as stable and said it was too soon to conclude why some schools recorded increases while others lost students.

``It might be greater job opportunities in some areas or changing admissions requirements,'' Savoie said. ``Some schools, for example, have gone to selective admissions. We also noticed enrollment increases in the new community colleges that are now providing educational opportunities in historically underserved areas.''

River Parishes Community College, which opened last year, has the smallest student body, but it registered the largest percentage increase. In 1999, 107 students were enrolled. This year, the enrollment stands at 296, a 176.6 percent jump.

Southern University in Shreveport, plagued by questions of mismanagement that forced its chancellor to resign last month, had the highest percentage loss of students, 11.2 percent. Enrollment dropped from 1,324 to 1,176.

Louisiana State University lost 107 students this fall. The drop occurred mainly in graduate students and the freshman class, institutional research director Sandy Walker said.

Walker attributed the decline in freshmen students to more stringent admissions requirements.

``And as for graduate enrollment, if the economy is really good, we see enrollment go down. You don't want to go to school if you can get a job,'' Walker said.

Like LSU, Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond increased admissions standards this year, something officials say contributed to its loss of 664 students.

University officials had projected the decrease, SLU President Sally Clausen said.

At SLU, enrollment dropped below the 15,000 mark for the first time since 1997, with the biggest decline coming in the freshman class, which has 326 fewer students than last year. However, the school saw its average American College Test score for beginning freshmen improve from 19 in 1999 to 19.8.

``With the implementation of the new standards, we anticipated that there would be a drop in the actual number of students who would qualify for admission to the university,'' Clausen said.

Southern University at New Orleans, which reported the greatest proportional loss of students last year, posted the fourth-highest percentage gain in the state at 6.12 percent, with 232 additional students.

``I think the most impact is actually the change in attitude of the SUNO family and the change of leadership the board afforded,'' Chancellor Joseph Bouie said.

SUNO Chancellor Gerald Peoples resigned this year after a nearly three-year stint marked by turbulence and faculty criticism.

In March, Bouie, who was the campus's choice for successor, became the first SUNO graduate to run the campus.

``There's a whole resurgence of what I consider to be opportunity and hope,'' Bouie said.

The University of New Orleans was the only school in the LSU system that gained students. The campus saw its student body grow from 15,868 to 16,211, a gain of 343 students.

State record: 47 dead in motorcycle wrecks

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)- The year is not over, but Louisiana has set a record for fatal motorcycle wrecks.

The law letting motorcyclists drive without helmets is at least partly to blame, safety officials say.

Forty-seven motorcyclists have died since the year began, and at least 25 were not wearing helmets, said James Champagne, executive director of the state Highway Safety Commission.

He said 20 were wearing helmets, and police did not record whether the other two were or not.

The previous record, 45, was set in 1990, the first year that such statistics were kept.

The new helmet law, which makes helmets optional for motorcyclists and riders who are at least 18 years old, took effect in the last four months of 1999.

During those four months, from Aug. 15 through Dec. 31, 1999, 17 people died in motorcycle wrecks. Eleven were
not wearing helmets, five wore helmets, and police did not note whether the 17th victim did.

Gov. Mike Foster, who pushed the current law, wears his helmet on nine out of 10 motorcycle trips, spokeswoman Marsanne Golsby said.

``This could be a statistical fluke and not necessarily a long-term trend. He is hoping this is a statistical fluke. But the law gives people a choice.

``They can wear them if they want to or not. People can choose to wear one.''

Southern accents can cost jobs

DENTON, Texas (AP) _ If you've got south in the mouth, will it cut your chances of getting the job, or, conversely, will it give you an advantage?

Perhaps your interviewer will be impressed when you describe your degree from ``Haavud.''

The best chances are for candidates with the least identifiable accent, said Dr. Patricia Cukor-Avila, assistant professor of English at the University of North Texas, who with Dianne Markley, a master's student in the department, conducted what they say is the first known study of the effect of accents on interviewers' hiring decisions.

``This ties into the fact that in the U.S., we tend to go for nondescript accents based on those of national broadcasters and actors.''

In research funded by grants from the Trice Foundation of Dallas and IBM, Cukor-Avila and Markley created a CD-ROM with the voices of 10 male voices reading the same 45-second passage. Each speaker came from a different part of the United States, and each had an accent common to his home region.

Fifty-six human resource directors and others responsible for hiring were asked to rate the voices and make judgments based solely on how each sounded. They were asked for overall positive or negative impressions of each speaker andif he sounded educated or uneducated, intelligent or not, energetic or lazy, uptight or laid back, outgoing or withdrawn, and assertive or docile. And they were asked to assess how competent the applicant would be and if he would fit into their companies' culture.

``Generally, the less identifiable the accent was, the more highly the speaker was rated,'' Cukor-Avila said.

The speaker with a California accent rated most positively with the hirers, followed by those from Minnesota, Boston, and Texas. Speakers from Louisiana, Georgia and New Jersey got the most negative ratings.

Cukor-Avila said less than 30 percent of the participants could identify where the speakers came from. The New Jerseyan was correctly identified most often, the Californian and Minnesotan the least often.

An accent isn't necessarily a bad thing, the researchers say. In fact, one of the inspirations for the study was a report from UNT's Center for Cooperative Education that a prospective employer in New York asked for an intern with a distinctive Texas accent. ``The student would be calling Texas clients, and he said Texans relate to and buy more from other Texans,'' said Markley. ``I wondered if there was a way to measure if a regional accent would have an effect in the hiring process.''

White male speakers were selected in the initial study to limit the number of variables, but Markley said they hoped in future studies to include other factors such as sex, ethnicity and age.

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Trash fire threatens church in Natchitoches Parish

ROBELINE, La. (AP) _ Parishioners and firefighters struggled together Sunday to save a church from being destroyed by a trash fire that quickly burned out of control.

Residents of 10 homes were evacuated when the fire started spreading about 11:45 a.m. in the Shamrock community north of Robeline in Natchitoches Parish.

Some members of Shamrock Advent Christian Church saw the smoke after Sunday morning services and stayed to see whether the fire would spread.

When flames jumped a 30-foot-wide road, they called for help. Church members worked beside firefighters, hosing down the church and fellowship hall and digging fire lines.

Firefighters also doused a pasture behind the church to stop the blaze. It got within 100 yards of the church and within 100 feet of several homes. The fire also destroyed one vacant house before it was put out.

Officials booked Deborah Perleburg with violating a burn ban issued earlier this year by the state fire marshal's office. She faces a $500 fine or up to six months in prison if convicted of the misdemeanor charge.

Residents of 10 houses were evacuated as the blaze burned trees and grass. They were allowed to return home
about three hours after they were evacuated.

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The View from the Front Row

By Larry Collins
Life Editor

Nashville sell-outs

Is there any new, real, original music left in the world? Everything is a watered down, hybridized version of what music used to be.

I hope that I don't sound like my grandfather recapping the days of old. When I was a boy listeners could tell what kind of music they were listening to while they walked 60 miles in the snow. There was no Kid Rock or Limp Bizkit blurring the lines of rap and rock. There was no Ani Difranco or Jewel teetering between folk and rock.


Faith Hill

Of this trend the most hybridized genre seems to be country. Country music has morphed into something that is not anywhere near what it used to be. The fine line between country music and pop has become so fine that it is near transparent.

When country music fans speak about this trend, the word sell-out often follows the names of Leanne Rimes, The Dixie Chicks, Faith Hill and Shania Twain. This could be a bit harsh. I reserve the label of sell-out for people that deserve it like the self-important Creed.

It may not be fair to call Twain a sell-out. She cultivated her own style and paved the way for acts such as SheDaisy and the Dixie Chicks. Twain was simply herself and nothing more. She wasn't happy with the twangy music of old school country. Twain was more concerned with baring her midriff and being fashionably conscious than whining about losing her man.

She brought in a new era of pop culture influenced country music. She had to drag out the big haired crooners like Reba McIntyre and Dolly Parton, but she succeeded. So, in fact she wasn't a sell-out, but rather a trend-setter.

Rimes is a bit harder to defend. She steam-rolled onto the country music scene at the tender age of 14 singing a Patsy Kline inspired song called Blue. This was a classic country song stacked with twang and angst. Fast forward a few years to the new and improved Leanne Rimes who could be billed as the little sister of Christina Aguilera.

My defensive backing for Rimes is maturity. I think that as she grew so did her music. She found different ways of self-expression through her music. And I'm sure that the mounds of money that she received from her new pop fans make it a little easier to sleep at night.

That brings me to the only authentic sell-out in this group — Faith Hil. Is there any doubt that she sold her soul (along with her Ropers and Wranglers) for the almighty pop dollar. It amazes me that her country fans are still listening to her. Her songs stick out on country video networks like Marilyn Mason on Fox Family.

A frend actually went to a Hill/Tim McGraw concert and was disappointed that "her husband was a hick." Is the real sin to be a hick or a hick in Toni Braxton clothing.

The Current Sauce Top 25



1.	*Minority*	*Green Day*
2.	You're a god	*Vertical Horizon*
3.	Incomplete	*Sisqo*
4.	Pinch Me	*Barenaked Ladies*
5.	Come On Over	*Christina Aguilera feat. Fred Durst*
6.	Teenage Dirtbag	*Wheatus*
7.	Indenpendent Woman	*Destiny's Child*
8.	The First	*Tegan and Sara*
9.	This I Promise You	*'N Sync*
10.	With Arms Wide Open	*Creed*
11.	The Way I Am	*Eminem*
12.	Last Resort	*Papa Roach*
13.	Bounce With Me	*Lil Bow Wow feat. Xscape*
14.	Wonderful	*Everclear*
15.	One Voice	*Billy Gilman*
16.	Girl From The Gutter	*Kina*
17.	I hope you Dance	*LeeAnn Womack*
18.	Jumpin' Jumpin'	*Destiny's Child*
19.	Promise	*Eve 6*
20.	I Will... But	*SheDaisy*
21.	I Wish	*R. Kelly*
22.	Six Pacs	*The Getaway People*
23.	Country Grammar	*Nelly*
24.	I Need You	*Leanne Rines*
25.	SunDown	*Elwood*


'N Sync


R. Kelly


SheDaisy

The Curse of Macbeth:
Fact, fiction or NSU theater hoopla

By Heather Patton
LIFE Reporter

"The Scottish Play" or "Mac" are what the cast and crew call this William Shakespeare play.

Calling the play by its original name has been hazardous to others' health. The "curse of Macbeth" has been around since its first premiere on August 7, 1606. It was first performed for King James I. The boy playing Lady Macbeth, Hal Berridge collapsed from a fever on opening night.

In 1934, four actors played Macbeth in a single week. The play was rarely performed again until 1703. At this time, London had some of the most severe storms in history.

During a performance in New York City in 1849, a riot began, killing 22 people and injuring 36. In the early 1920s, Lionel Barrymore's protrayal of Macbeth received such harsh reviews that Barrymore never performed on Broadway again. In 1937, a heavy weight crashed down from the flies and missed Laurence Olivier by inches. Later rehearsals were interrupted when the director and the actress playing Lady Macduff were involved in a car accident on the way to the theater.


Photo by Steve Evans
Colin Trahan plays MacBeth in the NSU theater production of the play of the same name. Many theater students feel that there are a great deal of risks in saying the name of the play while in the theater.

The theory of the curse goes back to Shakespeare including actual black magic spells in the incantations of the three weird sisters (witches). The incantations were said to be real, and that those who appear in the play or those who say the name in the confines of the theater, risk having these evils brought down on their heads. If an actor or crew do happen to mention the name, or quotes from the play while they are backstage, tradition requires him to leave the dressing room, turn around three times, spit over their shoulder and then knock for reentry.

The director of Macbeth, Dr. Jack Wann, said that putting on the production of the play is a challenge because of all the previous problems the play has had. Laura West, who plays Lady Macduff, said that playing in such a dark play is a challenge for her because of a particular scene she plays.

"You have to be a well-rounded person in every part of life to do good theater and it's definitely helped me grow as an actress," West said.

Lady Macbeth, Jena Westbrook likes to be able to play a darker character than she has in the past.

"My character is one of the biggest villainesses in history," Westbrook said. "The hardest scene for me to do is the 'sleepwalking' scene.

It's kind of a schizophrenic kind of scene. It deals with her in the deepest part of her madness after the murder. It's like, even though she's convinced him [Mac] to do it she must deal with the consequences of it."

Other actors of the play, like Tim Long who plays Lennox, said that the "curse" is just a fun tradition that everyone follows. Karly Pierre, who plays Hecate, likes the language of Shakespeare.

"It's poetic and fun to do," Pierre said. "It's fun to be a witch and explore different characters. I can do anything with her. It's like Halloween. Keeping the tradition of the curse alive is good as a precaution, but it's really just fun to do."

Macbeth will play Oct. 11, 12 and 14. Tickets are free for Northwestern students.

The Real Slim Shady could face *real* jail time in Mich. for assault charges

Eminem's lawyers did not reach a plea bargain with prosecutors in Macomb County, Mich., before a pretrial hearing Tuesday (Oct. 10) in his assault and weapons case.

Accused of pistol-whipping a man whom he allegedly saw kissing his wife outside a bar on June 4, the nation's hottest rapper said nothing during the brief court appearance in Macomb County Circuit Court.

But lawyers for both sides agreed to adjourn pretrial proceedings, leaving open the possibility that a plea agreement still may be reached.

But Macomb County Prosecutor Carl Marlinga recently said he thinks any sentence in the case should involve incarceration. That prompted harsh criticism Tuesday from Legghio.

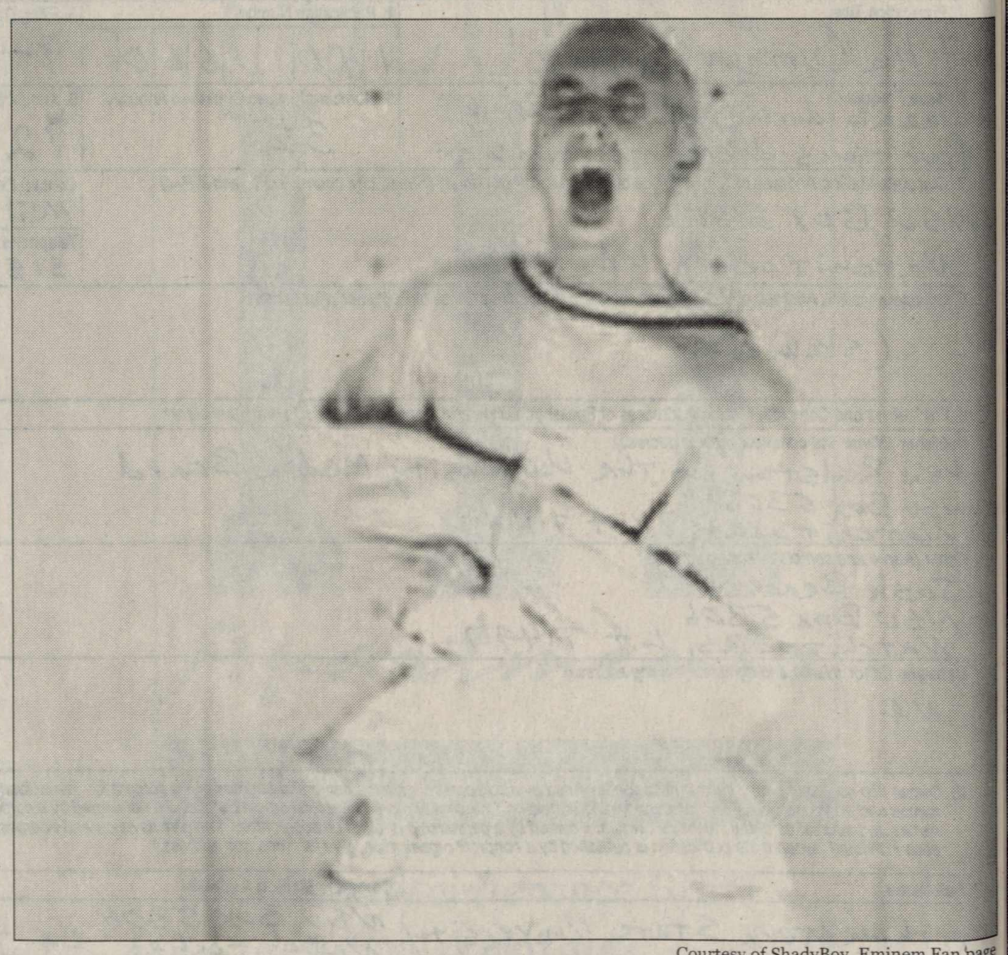
"It appears Eminem is being treated differently because of who he is, and who he is is his music and his lyrics," Legghio said. As a result, the defense is "scrutinizing the case much more carefully now," he said.

Speaking on Eminem's behalf in front of Judge Antonio Viviano, lawyer Walter Piszczatowski waived the formal reading of the two felony charges filed against his client: one count each of carrying a concealed weapon - punishable by up to five years in prison - and assault with a dangerous weapon, a four-year offense.

Viviano scheduled another hearing for Dec. 8.

Dressed neatly in a sweater and dress slacks, Eminem (born Marshall Bruce Mathers III) shook hands with the detective in charge of the case as he and his three lawyers were led out a back door of the courtroom to a tunnel without commenting to reporters.

Later, Brian Legghio, another of Eminem's lawyers, refused to discuss the tone of discussions with prosecutors but said, "We steadfastly refuse to plea to anything that he assaulted [alleged victim John] Guerra." Guerra, 26, is the man Eminem is charged with striking June 4 in the parking lot of Hot Rock Sports Bar and Music Café in Warren, Mich.


Courtesy of ShadyBoy Eminem Fan page
Eminem faces yet another legal battle as he steps into a Michigan court room on assult charges.

Even if he were convicted of the more serious charge, Eminem is unlikely to see more than two years behind bars. According to Michigan sentencing guidelines, he would face a prison term of 11 to 17 months, based on the fact he has no prior criminal record. Any sentence would be up to Viviano. If the case does go to trial, Eminem's lawyers will try to show that he never clubbed Guerra in the head with an unloaded, 9 mm semiautomatic pistol. Legghio labeled that allegation "a complete fabrication."

Jackie Sidelinker, one of a handful of Eminem fans in court Tuesday, said he thought the rapper appeared "nervous, scared, upset."

"He doesn't deserve this," said Sidelinker, 17, who took the day off from school to be in court. In an unrelated case, Eminem is awaiting trial in neighboring Oakland County, Mich., over an incident involving the same handgun just hours before the altercation at the Hot Rock bar.

Police in Troy, Mich., said the rapper had the pistol in his hand during an argument with an associate of Insane Clown Posse at a car stereo shop. Eminem is charged in that matter with carrying a concealed weapon and brandishing a firearm in public, a 90-day misdemeanor.

Citing Eminem's clean record and saying he did not point the gun at anyone, prosecutors overseeing that case have said he would receive no more than 17 months of probation.

Both cases have caused the beleaguered Eminem to gain almost as much notoriety for his legal woes as for his multiplatinum albums.

Guerra filed a lawsuit against Eminem for assault and emotional distress. He is seeking at least $25,000 in damages, but that matter is on hold until the outcome of the criminal case.

Eminem's mother has filed two slander lawsuits against him, claiming his published remarks in magazine interviews defamed her.

Spotlight: "Hotlanta's" Chip(per) off the old block

Atlanta Braves' Chipper Jones

By Josh Green
LIFE Reporter

With baseball's fall classic growing close upon us and the Atlanta Braves recently clinching the National League East, who better to profile than one of the game's most recognizable faces?

Johnny-come-lately fans of baseball may recognize Chipper Jones by his recently named title of Most Valuable Player in the National League for 1999. Others may recognize Jones as being one of the must reliable players in the game, both offensively and defensively.

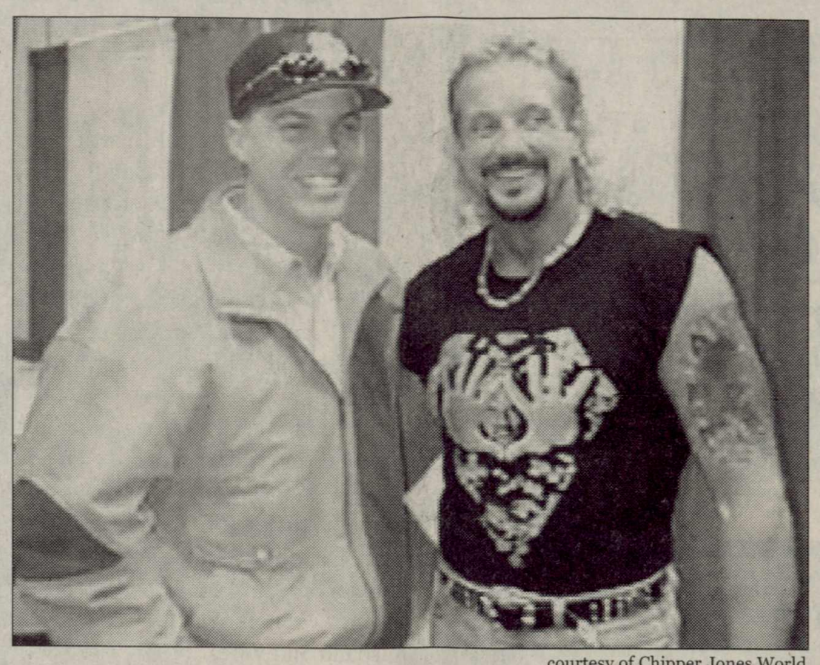
Since his newly signed contract with the Atlanta Braves, Jones has become a household name. With a six year $95 million contract containing two club options that could make Jones worth $120 million for eight seasons, people are asking themselves, "who is this guy?" Jones, now the fourth highest-paid player in baseball, was raised by a strict catholic family in DeLand, Florida. His father, a baseball coach at Stetson University, kept Chipper on a daily workout schedule for years, even before he reached the high school level. Continuous season schedules, practices, and off-season drills were followed by the Jones family. Jones picked up many of his father's techniques, beliefs, and traits.

This is actually how the name "Chipper" came to be. Jones was born "Larry Wayne Jones, Jr.", but answered to the name Chipper because people referred to him as "a chip off the old block". Fans may recall that the name "Larry" was shouted as an attempt to distract Jones in the National League Championship Series last fall in New York.

Eyes turned to Jones throughout his high school years as he proved to be an awesome force on the mound. Then at The Bolles School in Jacksonville, he pitched the team into the Florida State playoffs in 1990, even with an injured arm. That endurance and drive aided Jones in being named Florida High School player of the year in 1990 and being picked up by the Atlanta Braves during the first round of the 1990 Major League Baseball draft as a free agent.

Jones progressed through the Braves system, but sustained an ankle injury during Spring Training of 1994. He rebounded to be named National League Rookie of the Year by the sporting news in 1995 and Atlanta Braves MVP in 1996.

During these periods, Jones seemed to be just as all-American off the field as he was on the field. Even Braves' coach Bobby Cox commented one time that Jones reminded him of Eddie Matthews, who was considered to be an excellent player and role model both on and off of the baseball field. In reality, Jones' personal life was like nothing anyone expected. In 1998, a public confession that he had an extramarital affair and had fathered a baby son destroyed his marriage of many years to his wife Karen. This, added to the fact that the Braves were defeated in the 1998 playoffs, sent Jones into hiding during the off-season. He found an outlet in hunting and fishing and rebounded during the 1999 season by earning an overall batting average of .319.



courtesy of Chipper Jones World

Atlanta Braves player Chipper Jones takes time to talk to WcW wrestler Diamond Dallas Page.

Luckily, fans of the Atlanta Braves overlooked the aspects of Jones' personal life and continued to show support for the third baseman. Sources from the Braves merchandising department say that Jones number 10 is still the most highly requested number ordered on their available merchandise.

Jones has been a major advertising figure recently, also. He has been spokesperson of Wendy's restaurants, Chris Volvo (an Atlanta car dealership), Lowe's, and Mizuno, an athletic equipment company. The third baseman even has his own line of candy bar, now called "The Chipper Bar."

Jones is extremely involved in the Atlanta community and has recently formed the Chipper Jones Family Foundation, which Jones hopes will bring hope to sufferers of Cystic Fibrosis, the Boys and Girls Clubs, and many more organizations around the metropolitan Atlanta area.

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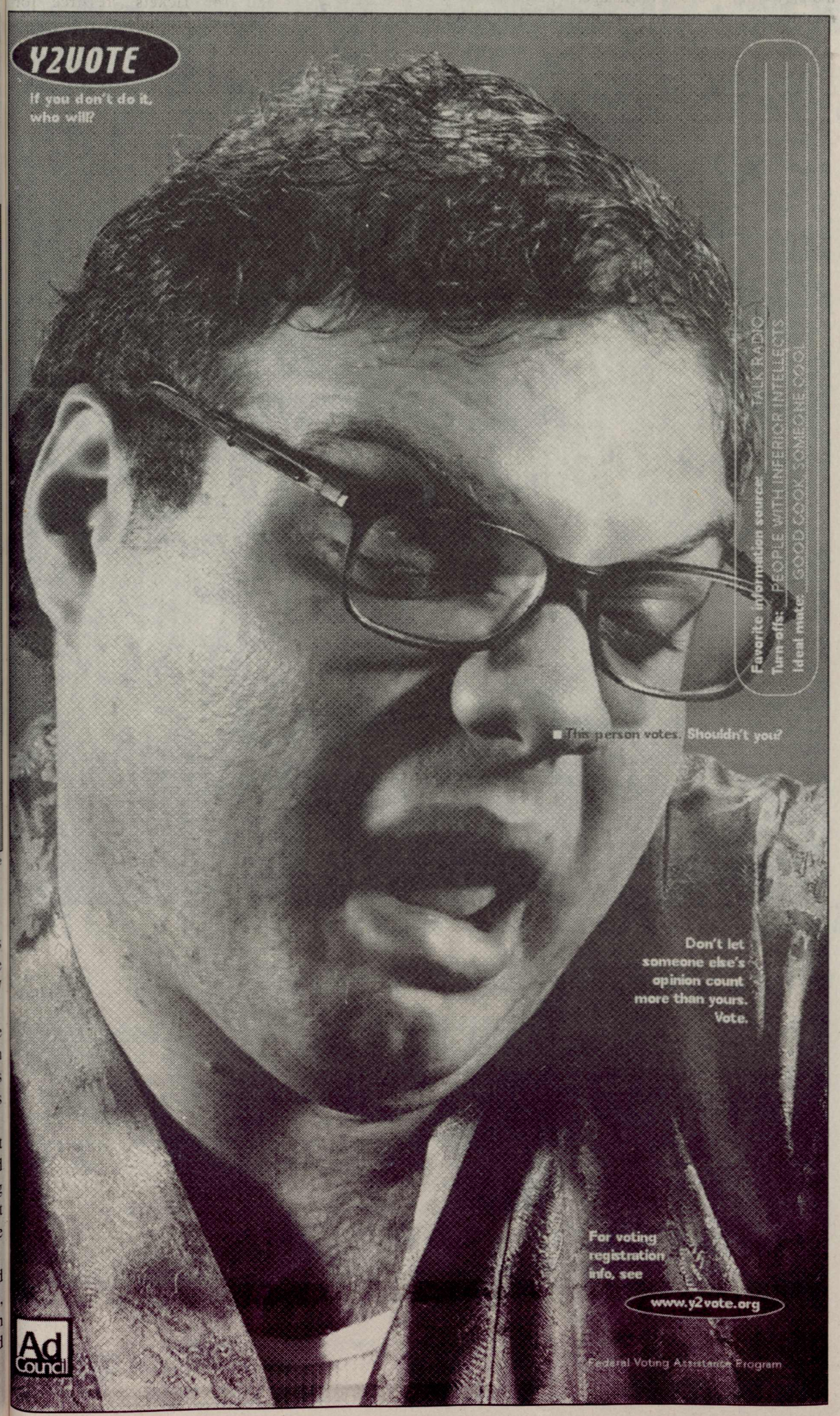
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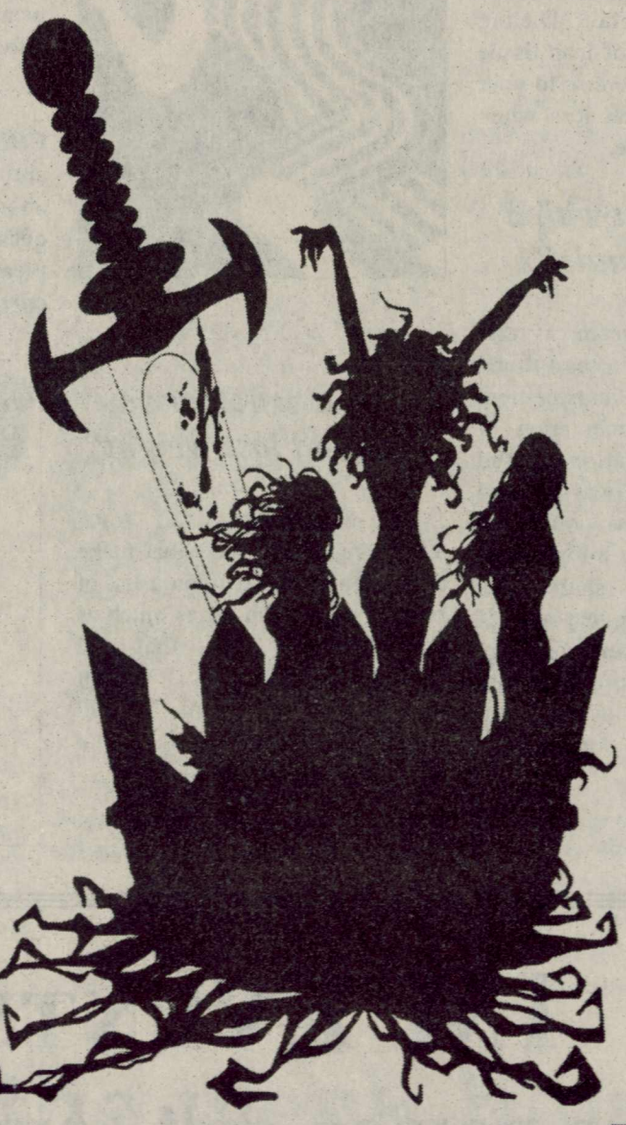
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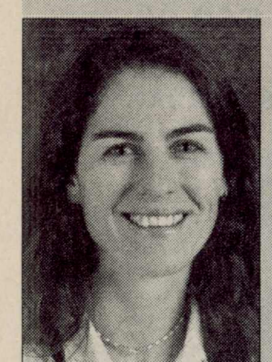
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Live It Well

By Tara Gallien
LIFE Wellness Columnist

Fad diets make false claims:

Be informed


Gallien

Nearly 35 billion dollars are spent each year in an effort to achieve and maintain weight loss. Don't fall victim to costly and often unhealthy attempts to lose weight. If a diet program makes any of the following claims, beware!

"Lose weight without exercising"

A diet without exercise is a diet doomed to fail. Dieting alone causes a loss of lean tissue (muscle). Adding exercise to your program promotes fat loss while preserving lean tissue.

"Lose weight with a magic formula"

The only secret is that there is no secret. Successful and long-term weight management involves the implementation of nutritional education and information. If there was a magic formula researchers would not only know about the information, but they would share this information with everyone. If there is a secret formula, then why do we still have a problem with obesity? Nearly 30% of adults and 25% of children in America are obese.

"Lose weight in those trouble spots"

It is impossible to spot reduce. Fat cannot be lost in one particular area of the body. Good eating habits, a regular exercise program and a little patience will promote safe and effective weight loss.



"Eat as much as you want and lose weight"

Too good to be true? You're right! Fad diets that make this claim often give you a list of foods that you can eat as much as you want and foods that you should avoid. A weight management program should consist of a well-balanced diet that includes a variety of foods.

"Weight loss is easy and fast"

Weight loss may seem to be relatively easy and fast at first, especially if you starve yourself. This is a reflection of water and muscle loss (without exercise), not strictly fat loss. Lean tissue is more dense than fat. Therefore, when lean tissue is lost there is a noticeable decrease in weight when you weigh yourself. If you return to your old eating habits, weight gain will be from fat and your percentage of body fat may be greater after the diet than before you started it. Lifestyle changes must occur to ensure successful weight loss and weight management. This will involve effort on your part.

COLUMNIST'S NOTE: If you are interested in learning more about this topic or you have questions about other health topics please email me at: ***currentsauce@hotmail.com***



Garth not just calling Baton Rouge, but also calling it quits:

Brooks and wife split after 14 years

By Randall S. Frederick
LIFE Reporter

After 14 years of marriage, Garth Brooks and wife Sandy are planning to divorce each other. The singer announced last year his plans to retire from his 11-year touring to, and music recording entirely, to work on his failing marriage and help raise their three children.

"Sandy and I both agree that we need to get divorced," the country singer says. "Right now, we're focusing on the impact it will have on the children and how to handle that best, to remain parents even if we don't remain husband and wife."

Despite his hopes to reunite with his wife, the time off the road did help him to reconnect with his children. "The trade that I made is that I am an infinute number of times closer to my children that I've been the entire seven years of their lives before this year off."

The singer is also in talks to come out of his retirement, if only briefly, to return to the studio and record a new album. His only doubt is in the material and writing. "Does one more album excite me? You know, yeah, making music always does excite me, but I don't know if as a songwriter I have it in me. I don't want this to be called the last album or the farewell album—that's not my bag. if we can come up with songs that feel comparable to the other seven studio albums, then we might release one more."


Courtesy of GeorgiaGirl's Garth Brooks Web Page

After 14 years of marriage,country music star and wife Sandy call it quits.

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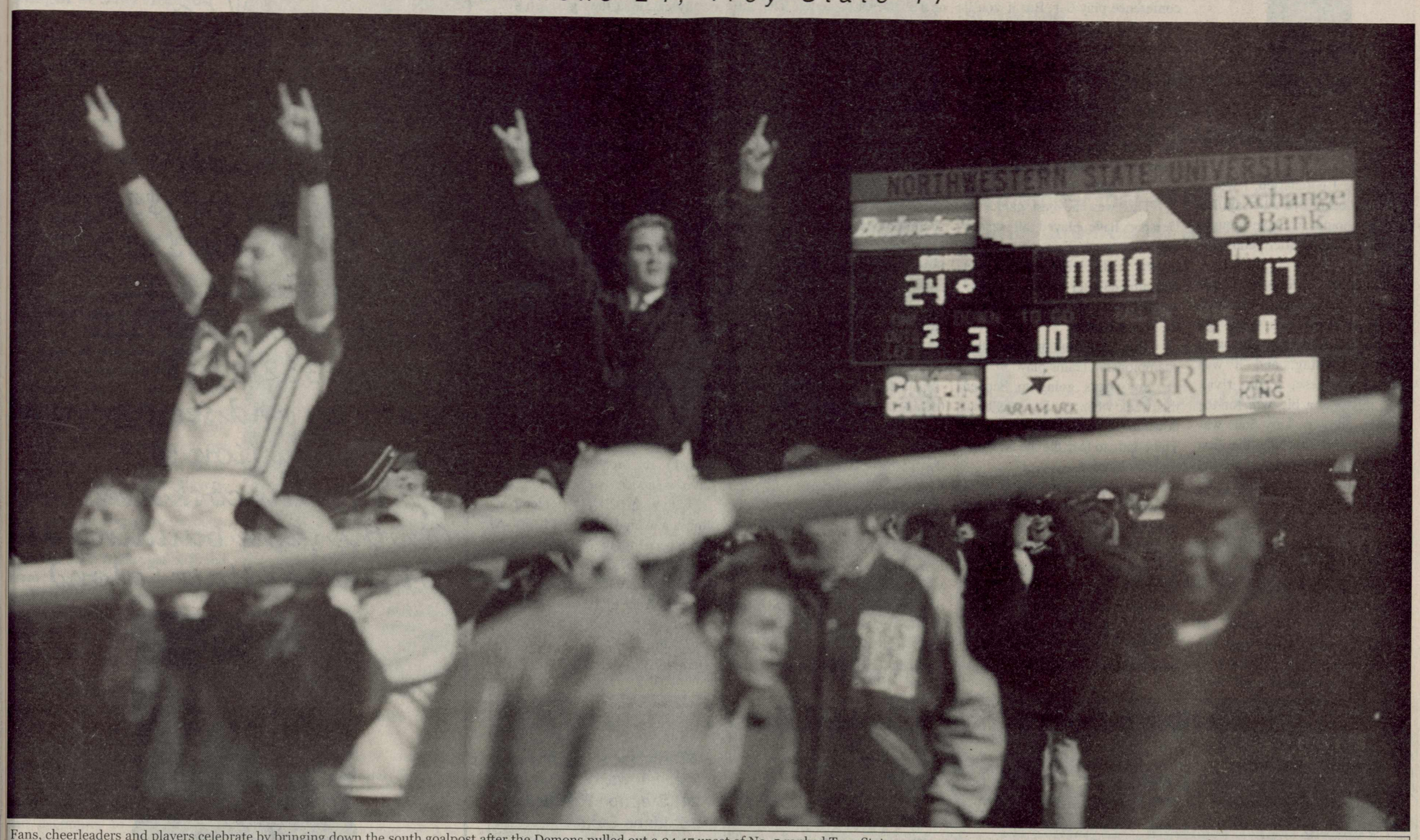
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Fans, cheerleaders and players celebrate by bringing down the south goalpost after the Demons pulled out a 24-17 upset of No. 5 ranked Troy State. Photo taken by Gary Hardamon

Demon defense stands; goalpost falls

Demons stop the Trojans twice on the one-yard line for triumphant victory



Gary Hardamon/ NSU Press

T. J. Sutherland sprints into the endzone to put the Demons up 17-10.

By Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

Sure, they'll talk about Terrence McGee's 86-yard touchdown run.

They'll even talk about T.J. Sutherland's 36-yard touchdown catch from Ben Beach.

But when NSU fans and alumni think about last Saturday's 24-17 victory over Troy State, they'll think of two words first. Goalline stand.

The Purple Swarm defense halted the high-powered Trojan offense twice on their own one yard line late in the game to preserve the NSU lead.

Facing fourth and four with 5:54 left in the fourth quarter, TSU Quarterback Brock Nutter pitched a pass to wide receiver Jonathan Carter on an end around. With only one man to beat, Carter ran to the left side of the field with Demon cornerback Kendrick Llorens, the only man available to make the tackle. Llorens managed to get by his blocker to push Carter out of bounds a yard short of the goalline.

After going three and out on the next possession, the Demons punted the ball back to the Trojans with 4:10 left in the fourth. Nutter, who finished the night completing 17 of 29 passes and gaining 227 yards, brought the Trojans back into striking distance after completing a 39-yard pass to Carter to put Troy State on the NSU 12-yard line. Nutter then completed a pass to LeBarron Black for 1 yard to give them first and ten at the NSU one yard line.

After three cracks at the NSU endzone, Nutter tried a fourth-down quarterback sneak but fumbled the ball in the end zone. A Troy State player recovered the ball in the end zone, but the Demons were given possession after officials cited a rule stating that with two minutes left, if the ball is fumbled in the end zone, only the person who fumbled it can recover it.

The two teams put up a combined 38 points in the second half, a far cry from the three points scored in the first half after Lawrence Tunes' 37-yard field goal late in the first quarter.

The Demons opened the second half on fire, scoring all 24 of their points in the third quarter. Tony Taylor scampered in the end zone from 15-yards out to put the Demons on top 7-3. After a 31-yard Clint Sanford field goal, Ben Beach hooked up with T,J, Sutherland for a 36-yard touchdown strike to put NSU ahead 17-10. Beach finished the game with 11 of 27 passing for 183 yards. The Demons were outgained by the Trojans by nearly half, 402-251.

Terrence McGee then broke the game open with an 86-yard punt return for a touchdown, his record-breaking third of the year.

The last score by the Trojans was a 1-yard run by Thomas Wayne in the fourth quarter.

McGee earns national player of the week honors

McGee is the second Demon player to be named national player of the week

By Elona A. Boggs
Sauce reporter

Punt returner Terrence McGee received national honors this week after an impressive performance Saturday in the game against the Troy State Trojans.

McGee was named Division I-AA Special Teams Player of the Week for his third punt-return touchdown of the season.

The 5'10", 186-pound sophomore from Athens, Texas, leads the nation in punt-returns with an average of 52.2. This average is nearly 30 yards better than the second place average.

In Saturday's game, McGee returned an 86-yard punt that helped build a 24-17 Demon victory. In addition, he contributed seven tackles, three pass breakups and an interception.

McGee's punt return efforts break a Demon school record and also tie a Southland Conference record. Earlier this season, he had punt return touchdowns of 90 and 75 yards.

Sports Information Director Doug Ireland said that McGee's award is also an honor for the entire team.

"We're tremendously excited for Terrence," Ireland said. "He's an extraordinary member of the team and a guy that will get more positive recognition in the future."

Ireland says that there is a possibility that McGee will be featured on ESPN's *Hidden Video Highlight* during the network's national telecast Thursday night.

"We sent a highlight tape in and have gotten a positive response," said Ireland.

McGee is the second Demon to receive a national player of the week award. Tony Taylor received the honor in week one of the season against Southern.

McGee is the fifth Demon player to be named the conference player of the week. Last week, kicker Clint Sanford got the award for special teams. Taylor won the awad twice and linebacker Ahmad Willis was defensive player of the week the same week.



Terrence McGee's record setting punt return Gary Hardamon NSU Press

Demons head to Thibodaux; the *Prediction Station* has all you'll need to know about the game



By Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

Before I get started, I would like to go on record and say that the fans should not have brought down the goalpost after Saturday's win.

Goalpost victories are supposed to special. The win against McNeese two years ago was a goalpost victory. The game meant something, and it was against McNeese, a big rival. True, this was a big win for the Demons, and yes, Troy State was highly ranked, but it's the first game of the conference schedule. There's still a lot of football to be played.

Don't tarnish the tradition of bringing down the goalpost for victories that do not deserve it.

Having said that, let's talk a little football.

Well, the first week of conference play sure was fun wasn't it?

Okay, so I've started conference play 0-1. But if you'll remember, I predicted the Demons to score 24 points. it's just that Troy didn't live up to their end of the bargain.

I don't know; I think some of the football players got word of my prediction and decided they were going to prove me wrong.

Good job.

This was the best game the Demons have played all season long, bar none. They hung tough in the cold wind, didn't get discouraged after the first half and maintained their composure late in the fourth quarter.

That's the type of games that championship teams play.

So what's going to happen this week when the Demons head down to (I hate spelling this name) Thibodaux to face the the Nicholls State Colonels?

On paper, this game is a blowout. Opponents have outscored the Colonels on average of 30-17. Nicholls is bested in just about every offensive and defensive category; first downs, rushing yardage, passing yardage, you name it, they're bad in it.

The Colonels have been outpassed by a margin of, get this, 1079-484. That's a margin of nearly 500 yards better! The only category in which they lead their 2000 opponents is punting, averaging 10 more punts and more than 600 yards more in punts so far this season.

As for the Demons, well, they've just beaten one of the best, if not the best team in the conference and the nation, Troy State. Ben Beach looked absolutely unstoppable in the second half last week. He hit T.J. Sutherland in the numbers consistently. He found Bernard Green and Sean Weber just as easily. Beach seems to be finding his mark at the right time for this NSU team.

Nicholls' run defense is better than its pass defense, which I'm sure Tony Taylor has taken note of already. But, when you consider that he just played against a team with one of the best run defenses in the nation, I'm sure Tony smells blood in the water and is ready to burst out of the gate on Saturday. Remember, he needs just 120 yards rushing to become the all-time leading rusher at NSU, and he may try to get that in the first half.

And I can't say enough about the Purple Swarm defense. I don't really care that they gave up 402 yards of total offense against Troy State. The bottom line is that when it was all on the line, fourth-and-goal at the one, the defense held their ground.

And check this out. You thought our fans were bad. It turns out that Nicholls is only drawing an average of only 1,849 fans. That's it! They only drew 1,130 at their game against Jacksonville State. They make Turpin Stadium look like Tiger Stadium.

So the only thing I might worry about in this game is the possibility of a letdown, It's happened time and time again. After this game, the Demons face homecoming against red-hot McNeese. It could be that the Demons may be feeling too good about themselves and looking ahead to the McNeese game when all of a sudden, Nicholls is up 28-21 with with 2:19 left. Remember, this is a team that almost beat I-A Louisiana-Monroe. Does the upset bug strike the Demons? Can the underdog Colonels pull off a huge upset in front of 10, maybe 20 or so people?

Nah....

Demons 35, Nicholls 7

Sports Network Division I-AA Top 25

1) Georgia Southern
2) Portland State
3) Youngstown State
4) Delaware
5) Appalachian State
6) Montana
7) Western Illinois
8) James Madison
9) Furman
10) Northwestern State
11) Florida A&M
12) Troy State
13) Hofstra
14) W. Kentucky
15) Lehigh
16) UMASS
17) North Carolina A& T
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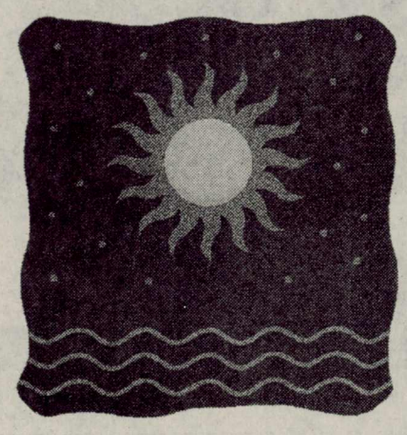
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Soccer team clinches playoff berth with 2-0 win

By Mindy Mixon
Sauce Reporter

The Demon Soccer team clinched a spot in the Southland Conference Tournament and set a new school record for the most wins in a season when they defeated University of Louisiana at Monroe yesterday 2-0. The Demon's (7-2) now share first place with Southwest Texas (7-1) with a record breaking ten wins to back them.

The Demon's first goal came early in the first half thanks to freshman forward Hillarie Marshall. This goal served as a confidence booster for NSU who "played an extremely emotional game," according to Head Coach Jimmy Mitchell. Marshall nonchalantly added, "this is just one more win towards our goal – which is winning the Southland Conference Tournament."

Mitchell elaborated "this is our third game in five days. The girls are physically tired and on an emotional roller coaster. They are really high coming off the win against Southeastern – it's been difficult to stay focused and maintain a level keel."

The score remained 1-0 until late in the second half when the next offensive attack came from junior Shawna Bailey who kicked a shot from the left side that easily found it's way past the Indian's goalie and into the net.



Brittany Cargill one-on-one against an SLU player.
Gary Hardamon/ NSU Press

Demon junior goalkeeper Tiffany Swingler worked overtime to keep the Indians at bay. She alone racked up five saves and was able to fend off Monroe for two consecutive games now. Swingler was recently awarded the Conference Defensive Player of the Week and now has 405 consecutive minutes of shutout soccer to her credit. Tiffany also jumps to second place in the Conference with four shutouts.

Overall, Coach Mitchell approved of his players performance remarking "At the beginning we played like we were missing a step, however we eventually began to play better and took advantage of all the opportunities present to win."

National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week
Alcohol Free Programming

Events	Where	When
1. Trivial Pursuit Competition	Boozman Hall	Oct. 15th @ 4:00 p.m.
2. Ice Cream Social	Sabine	Oct. 15th @ 8:00 p.m.
3. Airplane Game	Student Union	Oct. 16th @ 10:30 a.m.
4. Alcohol Awareness Information	Student Union	Oct 16th @ 10:00 to 1:00 a.m
5. Taboo	Varnado Hall	Oct. 16th @ 8:00 p.m.
6. Roommate Game	Dodd Hall	Oct. 17th @ TBA
7. Ping Pong Tournament	Bossier Hall	Oct. 17th @ 8:00 p.m.
8. Alcohol Awareness Information	Iberville	Oct. 18th @ 10:00 to 1:00a.m.
9. "Night at the Races"	Rapids Hall	Oct. 18th @ 8:00 p.m.
10. Ultimate Frisbee	Caspari	Oct 19th @ 4:00 p.m.
11. Car Crash	Rapides Parking Lot	Oct. 19th @ 5:00 p.m.
12. "Sobriety Carnival Night"	Varnado Hall	Oct. 19th @ 6:00 p.m.

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* Mock-tails
* Championship Tournament
  * Ping Pong
  * Night at the races
  * Trivial Pursuit
  * Taboo
  * Dating Game
* Door Prizes

FEEL LUCKY!!!!



Injury- riddled volleyball team heads to Sam Houston State tonight

Volleyball team looking to regroup tonight at Sam Houston

By Brien Hollkamp
Sauce Reporter

The Demon volleyball team is planning on a win against Sam Houston tonight on their own turf to break their three game losing streak.

By this afternoon they may have regained their center and team captain Missy Krause, who has been injured for most of the season. The cast for Krause's wrist may be taken off so she can help the team get back on their feet.

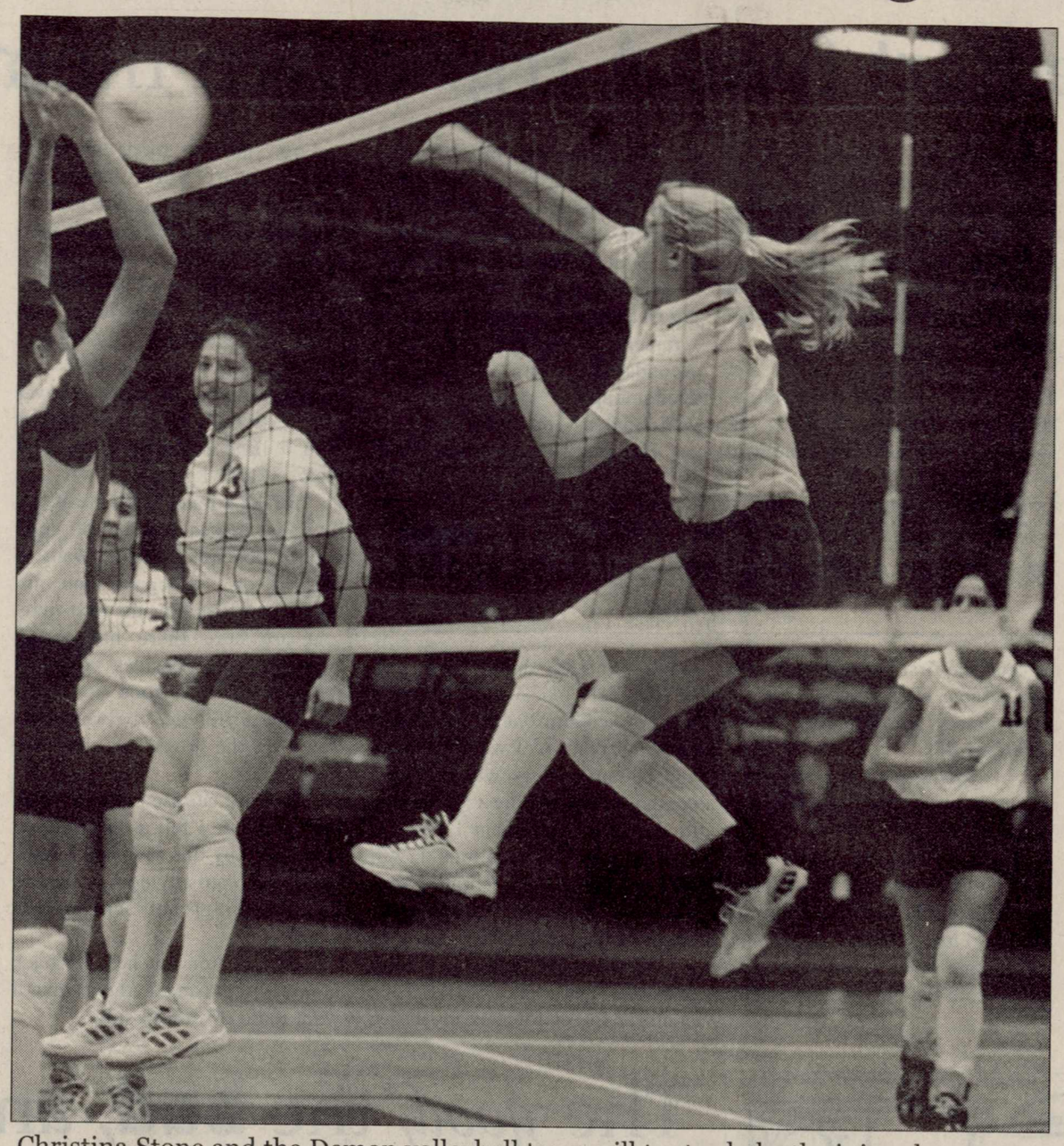
"This is definitely a game we can win, and we should be able to do it fairly easy," Senior setter Missy Krause said.

The team, now 8-11 overall and 3-7 in the conference has not been a whole team exactly, due to many injuries. Two other players, Lisa Abner and Jeanette Baldwin, have been missing from the court for most of the season along with Krause. Lisa Abner has suffered from a sprained ankle for six weeks now and there are only 5 weeks left in the season. Jeanette Baldwin had to undergo surgery and will be out for the rest of the season.

"I am disappointed with the injuries, and we have had to depend a lot on the freshmen which is hard." Head Coach James Onikeku said,

The team has been at a loss, but the team has learned to adjust, and according to Krause "they have adjusted".

With the injured players out, the team's statistics show that Christina Stone and Elizabeth Perez both have 2.97 kills per game. The stats also show that Stone has a percentage of 2.84 digs, and Perez has a percentage of 3.05 digs per game.



Christina Stone and the Demon volleyball team will try to shake the injury bug tonight against Sam Houston.

Gary Hardamon/NSU Press

These percentages are the highest on the team, but the stats on the team where the errors are high. Also, where there are attacks, kills, and digs the team falls short when compared to their opponents. There is still progress without Krause, but with Krause we can expect much more progress throughout the season.

As for this game with Sam Houston ranked under them, the coach and the players say this is a sure win.

Demon Volleyball Home Action

The Demons next homestand will be from Oct. 20-24. Here's a look at the schedule.

Oct. 20- Texas-San Antonio 7:00
Oct. 21 Southwest Texas 6:00
Oct. 24 Louisiana-Monroe 7:00

Remember that all NSU Volleyball games are free for students with valid I.D.

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TUESDAY
Photo Buttons-11-3 at Iberville(one per person)
Homecoming Hunnie & Lip ync Contest-6 p.m. in the Ballroom

WEDNESDAY
Inflatable Games and Fun-11-3 in front of Kyser Hall
IM Fun Run-4:30 p.m. at the IM Building-Free BBQ!!
IM Half Niter-8 p.m. at the IM Building

THURSDAY
Photo Buttons-11-3 in the Student Union Lobby (one per person)
"The Skulls" Drive in Movie-8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium

FRIDAY
Homecoming Parade and Riverbank PepRally-Parade starts at 5 p.m. and goes from Prather to the downtown riverbank.
Homecoming Bonfire-10 p.m. at the bottom of Greek Hill.

SATURDAY
NSU vs. McNeese St.-2 p.m. at Turpin Stadium. Tailgating before the game!
GO DEMONS!!!

All events are FREE with current NSU ID!!!

Opinions

The Human Mistake Part five: A trip down memory lane

God's little hood ornament
Sauce transmitter

The following is part five of an ongoing series of articles by a student at the University.

(I have to be honest with you folks; I have no way of knowing if I am actually remembering this stuff or just making it up. This is my earliest memory, maybe.)

There are two options for the doctor when you are born. From what I understand, when you come out of your mother and you are dangling upside down naked in the middle of a hospital room, the doctor can either slap your butt, basically shocking your heartbeat among other things into gear, or he can run his thumb down your spinal cord, in effect jump starting the nervous system and bringing this little mess of human material to life.

Personally, I like to think that I came into this world with a little more respect than just a slap on the butt. I continue to have recurring dreams about this moment, and if I am not mistaken (and I very well could be), here are the first moments of *THE HUMAN MISTAKE*. Join me on a trip down both my spine and memory lane.

First thing I remember is not being a stupid baby. Maybe I am with God, maybe not. I know for certain I am in a place where I am sure to be taken care of, where I don't need anything, where I may not even have a personality of my own.

I notice a pressure somewhere, deep at the base of my spine, and I can feel myself slip away from the comfort zone I had known for eternity. This is a confusing moment for me. I feel severe abandonment and empowerment at the same time. I can't feel the comfort anymore; the universe is gone from me, but for the first time, I am able to feel myself. I recognize me as something separate from the rest of the world.

Well, sort of because I don't know if I can remember the rest of the world so well. The warm place I was in before seems so far away now.

The doctor makes his way down to about where my navel is, and my nervous system clicks on, not gradually but like a light switch. Negative and positive are known to run in a loop, and before this moment, I couldn't tell the difference between what hurts and what feels good. I feel cold and wet for the first time and have no idea what cold or wet is.

At the moment, all I can really tell is that it's alien, different, foreign. This is an incredible shock. Barely a moment beyond the first hardest loneliness that I have ever known comes a rudimentary introduction to the "real" world.

"Personally, I like to think that I came into this world with a little more respect than just a slap on the butt."

Dripping placenta, the sharp cold antiseptic smell of a hospital, pressure at my feet where the doctor is holding me, but I don't know what a smell is or what feet are. I begin to detect extremities and extremes. I don't know, is it part of me or do these sensations come from the outside? Do I like it?

The initial answer to that last question is a big fat "no." The doctor makes his way to about my solar plexus and enter emotion. The first emotion I remember feeling is anger. The strongest purest anger I can imagine because I remember where I was not 15 seconds ago where hot and cold need not apply, where solitude was company and all was good.

Hanging upside down, weak helpless, angry, suddenly the gift of life feels like a punishment. I want to scream, but I don't know what a scream is. I want to thrash and scream and cry. My body is a conduit to everything visceral and in less than a moment I feel the fullest range of emotions I will feel naturally in a lifetime. Every extreme is racing through the edges of me all at once.

Just when I think It couldn't possibly get any worse, the doctor's finger touches my heart, and for the first time, this baby knows love, pure love, not romantic or parental, not love of things or self or God not any kind of love you know, just LOVE.

Not the love you give but the love you get. Something you don't feel before you are born, not this pure anyway. The love you feel before you are born is never this extreme. It always mixed with a little negative so nothing feels to "hot" I guess.

But this love, this love is the love that makes you feel so good you've no choice but to want to pass it on. Because you are loved, you love. For the first time, you are sure there has to be something else besides you, and the love feels so good you can't tell the difference between the lover or the loved or the love itself.

I could get used to this. The pain and hate I felt a moment ago is eclipsed by this love and I don't want to scream anymore, I want to do something, not scream, but what?

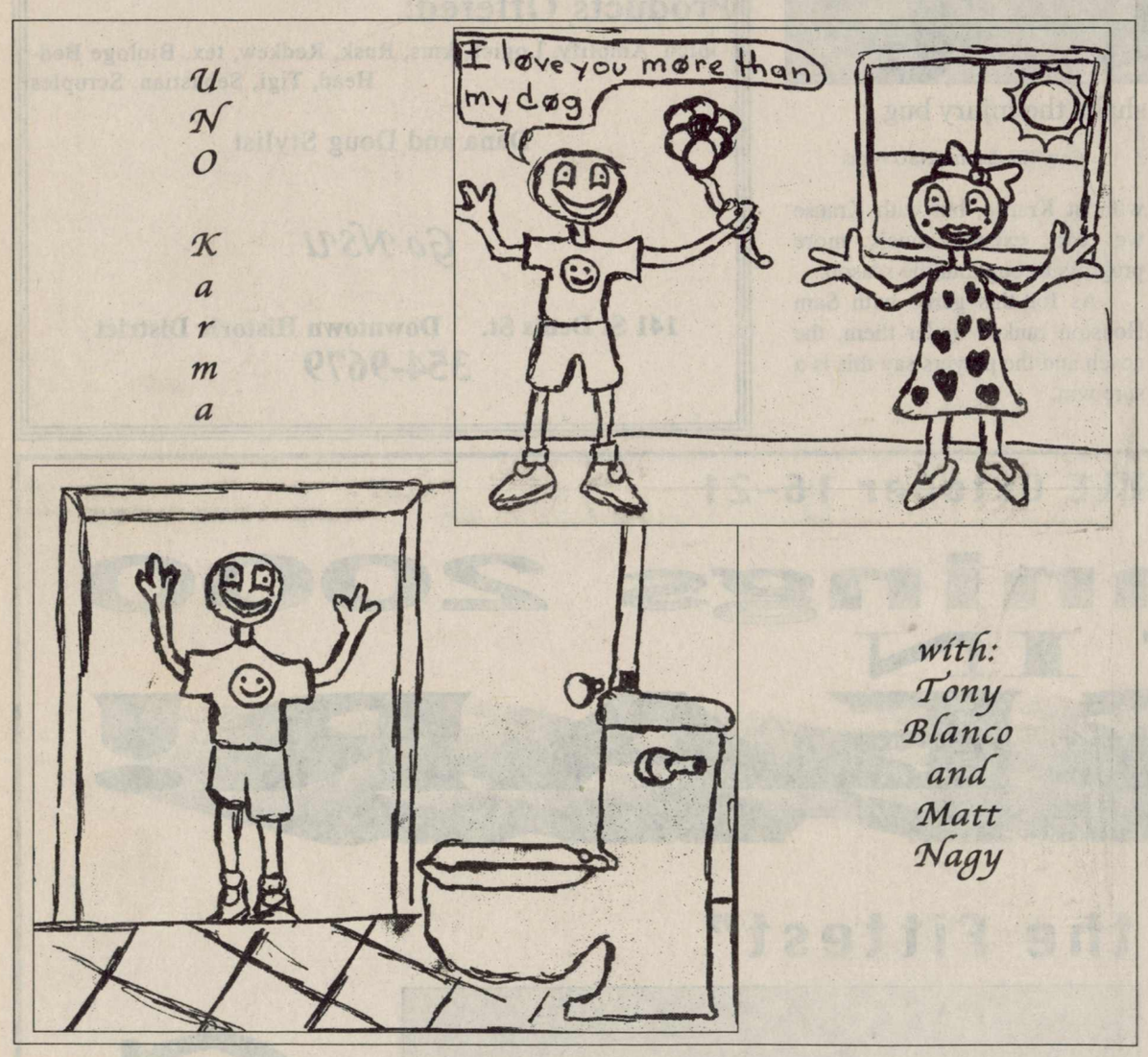
The doctor touches the back of my throat, and I know what I want to do. I want to sing.

I feel my throat; I feel my voice, and I just want to sing and scream and laugh and cry. Just let me expose what is inside. I want to give it a name whatever it is. I want to sing a symphony the moment I learn I have a voice.

The love, the hate, the joy, the pain, the cold, the hot, the dry, the wet, the whatever, I felt it, and now at the base of my throat, I hear the song/scream that is coming. And I would let it loose except I begin to detect something new.

Light, but more than light, I can see everything a human is supposed to see but refuses to and is told not too. I don't even know what seeing means, but that doesn't stop color and light from every spectrum imaginable sliding through me, and suddenly I have forgotten my song. My symphony is cut short from the awe, and when I open my mouth the scream begins.

I don't remember anything anymore; I don't even notice the universe floating two inches above my own head ,and I just keep screaming until they give me to somebody warm who holds me.



The *good*, the **bad**, and the *ugly*

with Josh Beavers

And the goal post comes down . . . again. For the third time in four years, the Northwestern State University Demons win a game, and what happens? Drunken frat boys fall out of the stands and cost the school a couple of G's as they pull down the south goal post of Turpin Stadium.

Against SFA in 1997, it was justified. We beat our arch rival, won Chief Caddo and claimed the SLC title. In 1998, it was even more justified. This time, it was the number one team in all of the land that felt the Demons' wrath. Both of these games were emotional and monumental wins and warranted a goalpost tear down fest.

Saturday's game against Troy St. did not. Furthermore, it was embarrassing to not only the football team but also the entire University.

Was this a big win? Sure, any football coach in America will tell you that every win is a big win. Was it a huge win? Not really. After all, Troy St. was No.5, and NSU was No.15. They weren't the best team in country; they weren't even undefeated thanks to South Florida the week before.

"...trust me though, I'm not the only one who thinks your actions were, how should I put this...less than intelligent"

So, what other reasons could there have been to tear the post down? Was it a program- altering win? No. Of course, it was the biggest win for new head coach Steve Roberts in his time here, but not for the program as a whole. We did, after all, fall only one game short of playing for the national championship just two years ago.

This is a good football program. It hasn't suffered through ten losing seasons in a row. We are a national power in our division. The goalpost should not be torn down over something like this.

So, now that we've ruled out all possible reasons to tear down a goalpost, let's look at the possible reasons why the post suffered its untimely fate.

Unfortunately, nothing would stop the goalpost-tearer downers. Only about 50 people were in on it, and the other 11,940 people in attendance looked from the stands and said to themselves, "Boy, that sure is dumb."

I am also sure that the 50 people or so on the field weren't exactly in their right minds. It was cold if you remember, and I'm sure the old wheelchair trick was used to get a certain numbing, liquid substance past the cops on duty. So, maybe one reason was inebriation to the point they thought the goalpost was a giant monster sent by the bunny men of Jupiter to steal their beer.

Another reason could have been, and I know this is going to make a lot of people mad, but I think copycat fever has struck some of the University's students.

After four weeks of seeing South Carolina, Georgia, Northwestern (Illinois) and LSU celebrate their "truly" monumental wins with goalpost violating, it might have been too much to resist imitating the "big boys" of college football. For a school full of people who claim to hate the Bayou Bengals down in Baton Rouge, they sure have no problem imitating them.

If you are one of the individuals who did tear the goalpost down, calm down. Unclench your fists from around the paper and breath. I'm sure you want to strangle me right now for putting down your show of "team support." Trust me though, I'm not the only one who thinks your actions were, how should I put this. . . less than intelligent. I am just lucky enough to have this public forum to point it out.

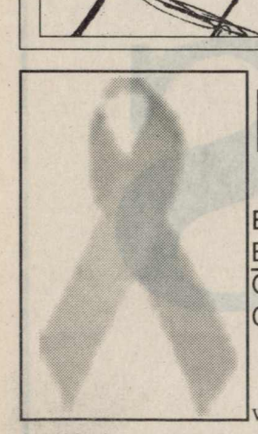
Before I go, I just want to put everyone's mind at ease. This week, the Demons' are on the road. But on Oct. 21, all of your goalpost thirsts can be quenched. We're at home against McNeese. Maybe the post will come down again. With some of the students at this school, it wouldn't surprise me at all.

Note: People who tore into Sports Editor Rondray Hill for picking the Demons' to lose Saturday, I have one thing to say – grow up. People have said Rondray should not have written what he did, simply because he was going against his school.

This is perhaps the single most ridiculous argument I have ever heard. Is he to lose all objectivity and be totally biased towards this school? Should he report only the good of a matter and stay away from any negative aspect?

If so, then I guess I shouldn't run anything negative in the news section. If a scandal goes down, I shouldn't report it because it would be "going against my school." NO! We are only college reporters, I know, but the principle remains the same. If we do not give both sides of a story then we are simply a public relations newspaper, and we have no independence. That will not happen as long as I am the editor.

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Breast Cancer is a thief

Elona A. Boggs
Opinions Columnists

One of my worst fears in life is getting breast cancer. I never considered this until two years ago when I watched my grandmother battle the disease. Shortly after she was diagnosed, she had a mastectomy.

Her doctors assured her that all cancerous cells had been removed. They were wrong.

Months after her surgery, my grandmother developed a backache. After a visit to the doctor for what she thought would be a muscle strain, she learned it was something more. The remaining cancer had spread to her spine, into her vertebrae and ultimately to most every bone in her body.

For the upcoming months, my grandmother was in and out of the Cancer Center in Lake Charles for radiation therapy. Due to the radiation, her bones were weakened. As a result, she was bedridden.

During this time, it was Spring of 1999, and I was a freshman. I went home every weekend to see her. With each week, she faded.

My grandmother had lost weight, was losing her hair and was too weak to talk. Sometimes she would smile, even though she was in intense pain. I knew she did not want her family to worry, but that was impossible.

Doctors gave my grandmother little hope. All we could do was hold her hand, look into her soulful eyes and pray.

We did this until her death in June of 1999.

I know now what I did not know then. Breast cancer is real, and it is hell, but it can be prevented.

Prevention begins with regular self-exams,mammograms, asking questions and becoming familiar with the regularities and irregularities of your body.

A common misconception is that breast cancer is a disease that affects only older women. In reality, you are never too young to develop breast cancer. Self exams should begin as early as twenty.

If during an exam you find a lump, consult a physician as soon as possible. More than 90 percent of women whose breast cancer is found and treated early will survive.

However, because many people neglect to do the exams and report findings, more than 42,000 will die from the cancer each year.

Oct. is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Educate yourself about the prevention and treatment of this cancer.

Breast cancer is a thief. Do not let it steal your life or the lives of those you love.

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They bled purple and orange

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> Director of Alumni Affairs

The north wall of the student union is lined with a series of portraits of University graduates.

Various pictures of a number of people from different walks of life hang along the wall. While they may come from different walks of life, they all have one thing in common.

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So far, 50 people have been selected for the Line. If selected there is a small synopsis of the person's accomplishments and a sketch of them. To be eligible for this honor, a person has to be nominated by faculty, administration or students.

Next, a committee comprised of students, faculty and administration votes on the nominations and selects an average of five honorees a year.

This year there were 6 people added to the Line: Joe Sampite, Jackie Smith, Col. Ralph E. Ropp, Larry W. Rivers, Dea Dudley Fulton and Elise P. James. Joe

Sampite graduated in 1959 with a business education degree, and he was recently named one of the Top 100 Influential People in Northwest Louisiana. He also served as mayor of Natchitoches for 20 years, from which he retired just this year.

Smith participated in the track and football departments at NSU and left as a business graduate in 1963. He was a fixture for 15 years with the St. Louis Cardinals, and in 1994, he was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame for his role as a tight end in 1978 with the Dallas cowboys.

Retired Colonel Ralph E. Ropp graduated from NSU with a bachelor's degree in 1950. He served as a press officer for the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY, a public affairs officer in Vietnam and a public affairs officer for the NATO headquarters in Turkey.

Rivers was in the first Kappa Sigma pledge class at NSU, and he graduated in 1968 with a bachelor of science in government. He owns a business consulting firm, and he was the VFW Commander-in-Chief, the executive director of the VFW Washington Office, and the adjutant general.

Fulton was the dean of men at NSU for 23 years and the co-founder of the Blue Key National Honor Fraternity at NSU. He graduated from NSU in 1935, and he was a professor of psychology.

James earned a bachelor of science in business in 1968 and her master's in 1971. She became an instructor of business administration and office management in 1972, and in 1990, she was named the director of development and alumni activities, and she retired in 1997.

STORY BY RHEANNON COON, PHOTO BY COURTNEY PAYNE

University police cracking down on traffic, noise laws

By Heather Patton
Staff Reporter

The Natchitoches Police Department is cracking down on speeding and the noise ordinance in Natchitoches Parish while the University continues to enforce school traffic laws.

University Police Detective Doug Prescott said that they have always tried to keep control of the noise and speeding on campus. The noise ordinance law is the hardest one to catch once reported.

"By the time people call in for a noisy vehicle," Prescott said. "It has moved. This makes it hard to catch the person to give them a citation. What we usually do is keep cars going around the main areas like Sabine, Rapides and Kyser Halls."

Section 10.75 of the city noise ordinance states that noise is "the operating or playing of any radio, T.V., phonograph, musical instrument or similar device which produces or reproduces sound in a motor vehicle or public park in a manner to be plainly audible at a distance of 15 meters or 50 feet". Violation of the city noise ordinance can be very expensive.

"The first offense of loud music is a citation of $432," Prescott said. "The second offense is $482, the third is $532, etc. There is no first warning because the officer doesn't know if that is the person's first offense. If someone wants to complain about the noise, get the license plates of the vehicle so that the next time they come on campus, they could get a citation."

Prescott said that if caught speeding, the fine could get expensive depending on how far over the speed limit a driver gets.

"The first offense will get the person a warning," Prescott said. "If you go one to five miles over the speed limit, it's a $10 fine. If you go six to ten miles over, it's $12.50. If you're over 11-15, it's $15. If you go 26 miles over the speed limit, you are charged $25 plus $1 for every mile over after 26."

Prescott said the person's attitude determines how tickets are done. If the driver cooperates with the officer and is not argumentative, the whole process should be easier.

"Students should just watch their noise and speeding to avoid things like this," Prescott said.

SIFE to sponsor political debate next week

By Josh Beavers
Editor

On the heels of a lecture by political analyst Elliot Stonecipher comes another chance for students to gain more insight into this year's presidential race.

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) is sponsoring a political debate Tuesday between republican Mike Woods and democrat Trey Ourso.

Woods is finance chairman for the state of Louisiana and Ourso is executive director of Louisiana's democratic party.

"We are genuinely excited to have these well known Louisiana political figures to come and speak at our event," SIFE Co-President Brad Tyler said.

The theme for the debate will be: How each party's philosophy affects Americans economically.

"This event will give students the basic principles and foundations of the two major political parties," Tyler said.

Topics of debate will discuss the each party's stands on taxes, minimum wage, small businesses, corporations, oil prices and other areas of economic concern.

The debate will be held in the David Morgan Auditorium (Room 107) of Russell Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

"In a campaign where a multitude of issues are discussed, and an endless stream of numbers are cited, voters can become overwhelmed," NSU Associate Professor of Business Bob Jones and the faculty sponsor of SIFE, said. "They can fail to recognize the fundamental differences which exist between candidates. To address this problem, this debate will go beneath the details of policy proposals and seek to identify fundamental differences in how the candidates view the proper economic role of government."

For more information contact Tyler at 356-0073 or Jones at 357-4581.

Correction:

Last week's *Current Sauce* reported the Electrical Engineering Program was approaching accreditation. The program's correct name is Electronics Engineering Technology. The faculty advisor is Thomas Hall.

Roy Hall to remove final traces of asbestos

By Windy S. LaBorde
Sauce Reporter

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> Tammie Pezant
> Director, LEA

Asbestos has recently been found in Roy Hall and is subsequently being removed. Roy Hall will be closed for the last of the removal on Friday at noon.

Asbestos is a building material used in floor tile, ceiling tile, insulation and other building materials.

Although asbestos cannot harm you while in a solid form, the microscopic particles that are released when it is tampered with has become a cause for disturbance.

All buildings on campus are currently being inspected for asbestos.

A public notice was released to all faculty, staff and students warning them of the asbestos and informing them of the upcoming plan to remove the substance from buildings around campus.

Anyone may view a copy of the asbestos inspection report and management plan by contacting the manager of each building or the Louisiana Education Association designated person at NSU, Tammie Pezant.

The possibility of asbestos causing cancer even 30 to 40 years after exposure is reason enough to halt the use of and remove it from the materials it is present in.

"There is no medical background that says asbestos causes anything," Pezant said.

Pezant still assures everyone that the asbestos will be removed from campus.

The plan includes a description of materials containing asbestos in the buildings, procedures for reinspecting buildings at six-month intervals and a schedule for removing existing asbestos filled materials.

Some buildings have already had asbestos removed. Usually, most asbestos removal is done during the summer months while buildings are closed down and students are at home, but some buildings are presently having it removed.

Anyone wishing for more information can contact Pezant by phone at 357-4424.



Steve Evans/Current Sauce
Homecoming Hunnie 1999 Will Hooper (left) crowns Adam Brooks as this year's Homecoming Hunnie during festivities Tuesday night in the Student Union.

BPCC, NSU team for new program

By Bess Renfrow
Sauce Reporter

Members of Northwestern faculty and staff will soon be teaching a different kind of subject.

The subject is retention of freshman students, and the students are teachers of Bossier Parish Community College.

Northwestern will team up with Bossier parish in the T.R.I.O. Disemanation Partnership Project. This is a new program designed to help teachers at the community college in Bossier learn new methods of helping freshman.

"We think it's extremely helpful to Bossier faculty and staff and to Northwestern faculty and staff," Don Barker, director of student support services, said.

Because most students are lost between their freshman and sophomore year, this program will focus on information and ideas related to retaining those students. This year and most of next year, sessions will be held at Northwestern and at Bossier Parish Community College. Sessions will be held Tuesday at both campuses with morning and afternoon sessions, and one will be held December 8 at Bossier.

These sessions will focus on topics such as implementing a student information system at Bossier, mentoring and academic advising and the transfer of credits from a community college to a university.

The transfer of credits from a community college to a university or articulation is extremely important because of the number of students who transfer to Northwestern from Bossier.

The faculty from both schools want to make sure that the subjects taught at each school are taught the same way to ensure the student a smooth transfer.

Therefore, teachers from the same disciplines will be sharing their different methods of teaching at these sessions.

This project was funded in Oct. of 1999 with a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. It has taken a year to prepare the faculty and administration at both schools for this new program. The grant is for three years, and plans in the works to apply for another grant in two more years.

Seymour named LACUSPA president

Dan Seymour, vice president for student affairs at Northwestern State University, took over as president of the Louisiana Association of College and University Student Personnel Administrators (LACUSPA) at the group's annual conference Oct. 9-10. The annual conference was was held in Baton Rouge at the Holiday Inn South. The conference theme was "LACUSPA 2000: Foundations for the Future."

Seymour has been president-elect of LACUSPA and conference chair for the past year.

"I commend Dr. Seymour for taking on an important role in an organization that seeks to assist students in their development as they seek a college education," said NSU President Randall J. Webb. "This honor emphasizes the leadership role Northwestern has taken in the area of student affairs especially through our graduate program in student personnel services which has trained professionals for service throughout the country."

NSU Director of Auxiliary Services Mary Edith Stacy has served as LACUSPA's interim secretary-treasurer, and Associate Professor of Education Frances Pearson has been faculty liaison and program chair. Director of New Student Programs Reatha Cox has been assistant conference chair and newsletter editor.

The conference included approximately 150 student personnel administrators from throughout Louisiana. LACUSPA includes two-year and four-year public and private colleges and universities under the Louisiana Board of Regents as well as institutions which are part of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System.

Keynote speakers for the conference were Woody Schwitzer, assistant professor of educational leadership and counseling at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va., and. Kevin Kruger, associate executive director of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators.

Schwitzer is director of Old Dominion's human counseling service program. The program uses distance learning technology to deliver classes around Virginia, in partner states and to Navy ships. He is the author of the book, "Promoting Student Learning and Student Development at a Distance: Student Affairs Concepts and Practices for Televised Instruction and Other Forms of Distance Learning.

Kruger, a former faculty member at the University of Maryland, has published nationally on leadership development using technology in student affairs development and international education.

Several members of the student affairs staff at NSU made presentations at the conference. NSU Director of Student Activities and Organizations Carl P. Henry III along with Edward Pratt of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette led a session on student activities and Greek life. Pearson led a session on faculty and "Collaboration Between Student Affairs and Faculty: Benefits and Barriers."

Campus Connections

NSU CLUB SOCCER
The NSU Club Soccer team is looking for new members. Informational meetings are held behind Watson Library. Everyone is welcome. Any questions, call Cesar Isgitt, at 354-6483.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
The SGA would like to tell all students about a few of the programs they are undertaking this school year. Don't forget to pick up your free scantrons, every Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 222 of the Student Union. You will need a student I.D. to take advantage. Also, check out the Book Swap Board while you are there and see if someone has a book you need at a cheaper rate.

WATSON LIBRARY
The staff of Watson Library would like the students of NSU to know about a new service that could help them in their educational growth. For more information, check with the circulation department.

WESLEY WESTMINSTER FOUNDATION
Students can have lunch at the Wesley Westminister Foundation (between Magee's and The Ink Spot) on Tuesday from 11:30 until 1:00. The first visit is free and $1 each time thereafter. Worship services are held from 6:30-7:30 pm each Wednesday.

COLLEGE DEMOCRATS
College Democrats would like inform students of their informational meetings every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union.

STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE
Meetings are held every Wednesday at noon in room 224 of Russell Hall. All majors welcome.

CLUB GAIA
NSU's environmental issues and awareness organization, would like to announce Well Woods Cleanup this Saturday. Meet in front of Morrison Hall at 9:45 a.m. Also, weekly meetings are Mondays at 8 p.m. in Boozman Dorm. All interested are invited to attend.

SENATE POSITIONS
The SGA has seven Senator at Large and one Senior Class Senator positions open. Applications can be picked up in room 222 of the student union and returned to the same room when completed. For more information call 357-4501.

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION
Meetings are Monday at 3 p.m. in the Archeology lab, Kyser Hall room 212.

SGA always on their toes

By Jessica Trahan
Sauce Reporter

Between the many events of the University and school work , the Student Government Association is always on its toes.

David Gunn, SGA president, is always trying to complete projects but is never too busy to help out any student.

Many events and projects are in the process of being planned for the remainder of the year.

"I'm really hoping that the Student Life Committee will be finished by the end of this semester, if not the beginning of the spring semester," Gunn said.

Also, the SGA is holding a special meeting to address student fees.

The meeting will address some of the fees that the students are having to pay. Gunn and other officials will be getting together next semester to assess the student fees, especially the ones that could possibly be done away with.

After careful examination of these fees, students will get the opportunity to eliminate some fees, maybe even save some money in the fall semester. The fees in question will be published next semester. The SGA is aiming for a special meeting in Nov.

In the area of education, Gunn and other officials are working to help students with their exams by sponsoring the event "Dead Week."

"Dead Week" will take place a week before final exams. It is a program aimed at convincing professors not to give out homework or quizzes so students are better able to concentrate on exams and not other school work.

The SGA is also in the process of evaluating other universities' college sports to see what they are offering so that NSU can offer a better variety. They are trying to develop more intramural sports that everyone can enjoy and participate in.

In regards to other SGA agendas, Gunn and Lauren Lindsay toured the campus to check out the lighting and safety. It was agreed that the lighting needs to be improved, and students should expect improvements to be made in the near future.

Another upcoming campus event is the mock debate between the College Republicans and College Democrats. The idea is to have a debate similar to that of the presidential candidates. The event will take place Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. in the television studio.

Finally, the SGA has been presented the opportunity to participate in LaCapital Credit Union. Usually only parents or family members of those working for the government are allowed to participate in this program.

The Union allows lower fees, higher interest rates and alternatives for student loans. The biggest advantage of the program is members can use the Union practically anywhere. Once a student graduates from the University, he or she still has access to the Union.

Because of the SGA's many programming efforts, they will definitely be busy throughout the remainder of the year.

"I can honestly say that the Senate as a whole is the best Senate that I have ever seen since I have been here," Gunn said. "The Senate is making my job a whole lot easier each day."



Courtney Payne/Current Sauce
SGA members Vanessa Byrd (left) and Jessica Cramer work on various projects to help University students. The organization has many events in the coming months that will both educate and inform students.

Congratulations
Shawn Jackson
For being the Student Government Association
Senator of the Month

2000-2001 Potpourri
Rescheduled Organizational Pictures

The following organizations have had their group yearbook picture rescheduled for the evening of Tuesday, October 24:

6:30 Wesley Westminister Foundation
6:35 Zeta Phi Beta
6:40 Delta Upsilon
6:45 Pi Kappa Phi
6:50 Alpha Lambda Delta
6:55 Kappa Mu Epsilon
7:00 Phi Beta Lambda
7:05 Phi Eta Sigma
7:10 CSO
7:15 NSU MAA Chapter
7:20 Phi Mu Alpha
7:25 National Order of Omega
7:30 Club Soccer
7:35 Purple Jackets
7:40 ISO
7:45 Grad. Research and Development
7:50 American Humanics
7:55 FCA
8:00 Blue Key
8:05 College Republicans
8: 10 Society of Physics Students
8:15 PRSSA
8:20 Spanish Club
8:25 IEEE
8:30 College Democrats
8:35 Student Athlete Advisory Committee
8:40 KNWD
8:45 Sigma Tau Delta
8:50 Health and Human Performance
9:00 Industrial Technology

The Pictures will be taken in Magale Recital Hall. Organizations must arrive 15 minutes prior to their scheduled time.

NOTE: This is the last time organizations will have the opportunity to take their group picture re for the 2001 yearbook. Please call 357-5384 if you have any questions.

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Stonecipher lectures at NSU

By Randall S. Frederick
Sauce Reporter

Tuesday, political analyst Elliot Stonecipher came to speak about the political system and how political polls affect the outcome of an election.

His open forum topic was "Political Polls: Are They the Final Answer?"

About thirty students attended the forum, and Assistant Professor Mary Brocato said the turnout was the best she's seen in years with a forum related to politics.

Stonecipher was understanding about the younger generations seeming disinterest in politics and was just glad to have the opportunity to come speak.

"I identify with it, personally," he said. "My son is twenty-three, and I know how relatively disinterested he can be, and he stays pretty interested. If students on college campuses can't get enthusiastic about the American political process, we've really got to ask ourselves where that leads. There's a process inherent in that thought that young people simply have to ask themselves, 'If I don't like it the way it is, how do I come up with some kind of solution? Do I have a replacement idea?' We see many, many more indications that they are so turned off by the process that they simply, without necessarily knowing it, are boycotting what is the heart of the democracy, and they simply haven't thought that through," Stonecipher said. "There's the theory that as you age, you come to understand that you have to participate, have to vote. Maybe so. But we're seeing levels of disinterest that we've never seen before among those 18 to 25 year olds. So, there are warning signs flashing, and young people just have got to think through what they're doing."

When asked if he thought the lack interest from youth stemmed from a post-Nixon mentality, where younger voters lose faith in their leaders due to the scandals surrounding them, he replied, "It is possible, but it does seem that this problem is broader than any particular person, even a particular president of the United States. I will admit that the other thing we need to get a handle on--and we don't know exactly how to do this, although there are many people working on it, the internet is teaching, either directly or indirectly, teaching a lot of people, and they are disproportionally younger, is that you can get your needs, your information needs, met that used to require political involvement to get."

His feelings toward the internet, though, is not negative. Stonecipher went on to explain he feels the internet is to the current generation what television was to his. A media source where "informational needs" are met.

His lecture was on political polling, and he educated his audience on how a "margin of error" is devised and calculated, the best and worst times for polling, the different polling systems, including the famous USA Today/Gallop polls used to determine the outcome of the presidential elections and what a good poll needs to include and focus on.

He also touched on several different topics related to the political system such as campaign finances and how media outlets work the opposing camps and "swing" to cash in on the billions spent in advertising for the political parties.

Several times during his presentation, he dropped names affiliated with powerful politicians to show his experience. He proved to be a firm, knowledgeable and educated speaker. Stonecipher is respected throughout the country as a pollster, political speaker and analyst.

He owns Events Management Services, Inc., a respected marketing consultancy established in 1980. The firm's services are focused in market opinion research, both commercial and political. Several media outlets across the state and country have asked for his opinions and knowledge, reputing him as a great speaker and networker.

After his speech and the question forum, several members of the audience stayed to thank him for coming,and listen to what he had to say about the upcoming elections. He encourages all students to become aware of who the candidates are so they can make a well thought-out, educated decision on Nov. 7.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Press
Political analyst Elliot Stonecipher spoke at the University Tuesday. His open forum topic was "Political Polls: Are They the Final Answer?"

Weekend jammed packed with events for alumni and students

The tradition continues Oct. 20-21 at Northwestern State University, as alumni and former students return to the campus to participate in NSU's 116th anniversary Homecoming celebration.

The highlight of the weekend will be the football game at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21 against the McNeese State University Cowboys, but a variety of events are planned prior to and following the game.

Ten alumni who made their marks on education within the state of Louisiana will be honored as the first inductees into the College of Education's Hall of Distinguished Educators. The induction is being held in conjunction with the College of Education's first alumni reunion.

Northwestern's College of Business will hold its second homecoming breakfast and Hall of Fame induction ceremony. Both breakfasts will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21, with the College of Education's breakfast being held in the Teacher Education Center and the College of Business' breakfast being held in the Ballroom of the Friedman Student Union.

Events on Friday, Oct. 20 tee off with the annual homecoming golf tournament and grand opening of the expansion of the Robert W. Wilson Recreation Complex. The annual golf scramble is $35 per player, which includes lunch. Tee times will be at 8 a.m. and at 1:30 p.m. The grand opening luncheon and ceremony will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the Recreation Complex.

The annual "Run for Richard" to benefit the Richard Ware Scholarship Fund begins at 8:30 a.m. on Oct. 21 at the Walter Ledet Track Complex. Cost is $15 per person, which includes a t-shirt and game ticket. Advanced reservations are required.

At 9:30 a.m., the Ladies Bingo Brunch begins at the NSU Recreation Complex, The cost is $15 per person, and advanced reservations are required.

The 'N' Club Hall of Fame will hold its induction ceremony at 10 a.m. in the Steve and Lori Stroud Hospitality Room of the Athletic Field house.

Tailgating begins at 11 a.m. in the field adjacent to Turpin Stadium. Pre-game activities begin at 1:30 p.m. in Turpin Stadium, followed by the homecoming game against McNeese.

Following the game, band alumni will have a reception at the Alumni Center, the Homecoming Court and members of the Alumni Homecoming Courts will have a reception in the Steve & Lori Stroud Hospitality Room, and members of the 'N' Club will have a reception at the Shriners Club.

For more information on the College of Business Breakfast, call (318) 357-5161. To make reservations or for more information on the Run for Richard, call (318) 357-5251. For information regarding other events, call the Alumni Center at (318) 357-4414.

Temporary Greek adviser gets settled in

By Randall S. Frederick
Sauce Reporter

On Oct. 9, David Deggs returned to his alma mater to accept the position of greek adviser for the University. Upon accepting the position, he has been busy with campus organizations, fraternities and sororities, the student government

He was previously the greek adviser for Kennesaw State University, located in a suburb of Atlanta, where he also served as operator of the new student union building on campus. After that, he went to work for the University of West Georgia, where he served as greek Adviser until Sept. He left this position when President Webb and the Student Activities & Organizations Director Carl P. Henry requested his return to Natchitoches.

Deggs will fill the position temporarily until the end of the year, at which time a permanent replacement will be named. Deggs plans to "put his name in the hat" and apply for the permanent position, but in the meantime, he is very positive about his current status.

"I'm glad to be back here. I'm having a great time working with the students. More than likely, I'll apply for it. I'm interested in the position, but I need to see if this is going to work out, see if this is what I want to do," Deggs said. "This is just the third time I've been a greek adviser on a college campus. I like the work, obviously. I'm still in it, but we'll see what other opportunities present themselves."

While here, he hopes to continue along the path of his predecessor, Duke Johnson, by raising awareness of greek life, activities, and student life

"About half of the job is greek affairs; the other half is student organizations. I also act as secretary of the NSU committee organizations. Basically, if students have a question about student organizations, I'm the initial contact," Deggs said. "It's a great position and a great opportunity to come back to Northwestern and to work at my alma mater with students. Just a great career to be in. The students make it fun."

Deggs strongly encourages all students to get involved with things outside the classroom, whether it's the student media, student activities, greek life or the student council.



Deggs

"It makes a better, well-rounded student. It's important to be involved. It increases the likelihood of getting a job and makes you marketable to be involved with something outside the classroom. There's more to college than life and textbooks," Deggs said. "If you take that knowledge [from the classroom] and don't ever apply it anywhere and get those life survival skills, as I call them, and don't developed them, then you're at a disadvantage in the real world."

Deggs graduated in 1999 with a bachelors degree in general studies, and he later graduated with a masters in education. He was named Mr. NSU in 1998, served on the Student Activities Board for three years. He was also in the Order of Omega, worked in the Student Union as a night manager, was on the interfraternity council and served in Theta Chi Fraternity.

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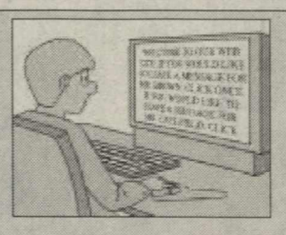
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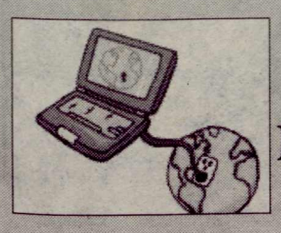
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SGA Senate Minutes for 10/16/2000

SGA Meeting 10/16/00

I. Roll Call

Present:
Leanna Anderson
Amanda Barrios
Chante Bellard
Wayne Bush
Vanessa Byrd
Jonathan Chance
Matthew Comeaux
Jessica Cramer
Andrew Davies
Kimberly Dickerson
Dustin Floyd
Jack Givens
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Shaun Jackson
Dustin Matthews
Paul Monteleone
Joni Naquin
Justin Owen
Casey Ponder
Shelly Smith
Frank Toro
Glenn Ward
Brian Wilkinson
Rusty Broussard
David Gunn
John-Michael McConnell

Absent:
Ja'Juan Allen
Jennifer Paul
Jeremiah Newsom-excused

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm.
The prayer was led by Dustin Matthews.
The pledge was led by Chante Bellard.

Paul Monteleone moved to approve the minutes from last week.

Alando Marsten spoke to the SGA about Unity Day on Thursday from 3-6pm.

II. Executive Reports:

Treasurer- John-Michael McConnell not present yet.

Vice-President- Rusty Broussard
-SGA yearbook pictures tomorrow night at 8:15pm in Magale Recital Hall
-NSU won 27-21 against Nicholls so we can keep the trophy.
-Business cards were made for the senate.
-Answering machine for office.
-Digital camera was returned because it wasn't compatible with the computers.
-Encouraged everyone to get involved with homecoming.

John-Michael McConnell walked in.
-No budgets this week.

President-David Gunn
-I have some appointments for tonight, they are as follows:
Committee on organizations: Elizabeth Hughes, Dustin Matthews (please email David Deggs at DeggsD@nsula.edu)
STAT: Rusty Broussard
Senators at Large: Ben Nihart, Joe Arnette, Nola McGuire, Stacie Cosby, Craig Coutee.
-Breakfast with the President went well this morning. The African American Caucus was the featured organization. I could tell Dr. Webb was impressed with their enthusiasm and appreciated their questions and concerns.
-As Rusty mentioned, pictures are tomorrow at 8:30pm.
-Also tomorrow the SGA Homecoming banquet is at 11am in the President's room. Please dress nicely.
-All SGA members are also invited to the SAB reception following the game on Saturday.
-Friday at noon is the dedication ceremony for the nine new golf holes at the recreation complex.
-There will be a cabinet meeting tomorrow at 3:00pm. IT IS MANDATORY THAT ALL COMMITTEE HEADS AND EXECUTIVES ATTEND. If you cannot attend, turn in an excuse to me by 3:00 tomorrow.
-I will be taking all passed and signed legislation to Dr. Webb and Dr. Seymour tomorrow.
-The COSBP meeting in Baton Rouge last week went well. I would have preferred for more presidents to have attended than the number that actually did. Thanks to the senators that attended. Northwestern was the most represented university in attendance. We are hosting the December COSBP meeting on the 9th and 10th. I am forming a COSBP planning committee that I will chair. I will ask for volunteers to serve on this committee in announcements.
-STAT will meet this Thursday at 4pm.
-I was contacted by McNeese State's SGA today. They are sending representatives with the NSU/McNeese flag to the game Saturday. I will know more about their exact time of arrival later this week.
-If you are a committee head who is feeling bogged down by multiple projects, don't hesitate to delegate some of the responsibilities amongst all of your committee members.
-Rusty and I will be meeting with Dr. Webb tomorrow, if you have anything that you would like us to pass along, see me after the meeting.

Shaun Jackson and Jack Givens left the meeting.

Vanessa Byrd opened the floor for New Business.

Alando Marsten explained new budget for the conference-$1305.
Frank Toro moves to approve the AAC budget for the conference.
Justin Owen seconded the motion.
Discussion followed.
The motion passed 22-0-0.
John-Michael requested that it be known that he was not present at the Fiscal Affairs meeting when this budget was approved.

III. Department/Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs- Amanda Barrios
-Thanksgiving Bake (Bread) is on November 7th from 3-6pm.
-Professor Student Evaluation- trying to get in touch with the company.
-Wayne Bush and Casey Ponder are working on poll boxes.
-Getting an academic calendar together.
-Scantron Giveaways from 11am-1pm on Mondays.
-The meetings are Wednesday at 5pm.

Shaun Jackson and Jack Givens returned to the meeting.

External Affairs- Andrew Davies
-The radio show is on Tuesdays from 9am-noon.
-Fix the Homecoming float, Thursday at 2pm at the stadium.
-T-shirts will be coming in soon.
-Congrats to Shaun Jackson, the senator of the month.
-Meet the senator day still pending.
-Meetings are Tuesday at 5:30pm.

Club Sports- Matt Comeaux- will meet tomorrow at 4pm to put the survey together.

Organizational Grants- Matt Comeaux-some grants were not contained and were overlooked. Will ask senate for $500 to look over those grants.

Internal Affairs- Vanessa Byrd-New Senator Workshop is Monday after the meeting. Committee is still looking over the by-laws. October 24 from 5-9pm – sign up to work for STAR (Strategic Telemarketing and Recruiting).

Election Board- Joni Naquin-meeting Thursday at 5pm. Will be discussing polls at Iberville.

Student Affairs- Justin Owen-working on traffic fund. The forum is the 24th at 7pm.

Traffic Appeals- Justin Owen- met today for 2 hours, very productive. Traffic and Safety meets tomorrow at 2pm.

IM-Casey Ponder has no report. Luke Dowden will work with them more to get this rolling.

Supreme Court- Niko has no report.

Advisor's report- Mr. Henry-please come to Homecoming Reception tomorrow at 11am.

IV. New Business:

Jessica Cramer read Bill FA00-001.
Andrew Davies moved to approve Bill FA00-001.
Jessica Cramer seconded.
Frank Toro moved to add "if a executive does not complete his office hours for 2 consecutive weeks he is subject to impeachment".
Jack Givens seconded.
The motion failed 9-12-3.
The motion to approve bill FA00-001 passed 22-1-1

Paul Monteleone moved to allocate $500 for organizational grants.
Amanda Barrios seconded.
Discussion followed.
The motion passed 22-1-1.

Senator Appointments:
Ben Nihart spoke on his behalf.
Joe Arnet spoke on his behalf.
Nola McGuire spoke on her behalf.
Stacey Cosby spoke on her behalf.
Craig Coutee spoke on his behalf.

Matt Comeaux moved to approve Ben Nihart.
Amanda Barrios seconded.
The motion passed 23-0-1.

Matt Comeaux moved to approve Joe Arnet.
Glen Ward seconded.
The motion passed 23-0-1.

Matt Comeaux moved to approve Nola McGuire, Stacey Cosby, and Craig Coutee.
Jack Givens seconded.
The motion passed 23-0-1.

David Gunn gave the oath of office to Ben, Joe, Nola, Stacey, and Craig.

John-Michael McConnell left the meeting.

Dustin Floyd moved to approve Rusty Broussard for STAT.
Matt Comeaux seconded.
The motion passed by a general consent.

V. Announcements:
Jessica Cramer announced the speaker on women safety on November 7th at 7pm.

Vanessa Byrd needs new senators to meet with her after the meeting.

Justin Owen-meeting Wednesday at 6pm for student affairs.

Matt Comeaux needs all organizational grant members to meet with him after the meeting.

Rusty Broussard needs two people to hand out pompons.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.



Scholars' raises standards

The Louisiana Scholars' College at Northwestern State University will raise its admissions standards for the 2001-2002 academic year. The Scholars' College is the state's selective-admissions honors college in the liberal arts and sciences and has its own applications and admissions process separate from the university.

Students admitted to the Scholars' College for the 2001-2002 year will need an ACT score of at least 23 or an SAT score of 1070, a math subscore of 20 on the ACT or 430 on the SAT and a high school grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. The previous requirements were a 21 on the ACT or 1000 on the SAT. Students who meet all but one criterion may be considered for provisional admission.

"We have looked very closely at the students who have enrolled in the Scholars' College in the past several years and have identified an area in which a level of performance can cause students to have trouble completing the program," said Margaret Cochran, director of the Scholars' College. "Performance in mathematics has been a problem. By becoming more selective, we will give our students an opportunity to achieve to the best of their ability."

Cochran believes the new admissions standards will be beneficial for the Scholars' College over the next several years.

"These standards make it easier for students to decide whether they are a strong applicant for the Scholars' College," said Cochran. "We believe by focusing on performance in high school, prospective students will be better prepared for honors level work. It will be one more incentive for them to work hard, and that will be an important quality for them to have once they enroll here."

According to Cochran, the Scholars' College will continue to have some flexibility in its admissions standards.

"In evaluating an applicant, we consider the whole student not just a single score," she said. "We do not want to be so narrow in making our admissions decisions that we miss a student who is capable of doing honors work."

Since its founding in 1987, the Scholars' College has developed a unique, comprehensive, and interdisciplinary curriculum that has proven highly successful in helping such students develop their full potential. The Scholars' College was recently recognized by the Templeton Foundation as an exemplary program under their College and Character Initiative.

The Scholars' College features an innovative, individualized curriculum, small student-faculty ratio, strong faculty-student interactions, student-centered, seminar-style classes, an overseas study options, an honors dormitory to provide a living/learning environment and small-college atmosphere with the activities of a large university.

Early Registration

It is Early Registration time again! Before registration, you must see your advisor for advisement. **Students with a Financial hold will not be allowed to early register for the Spring 2001 semester. Your account balance must be paid by November 3, 2000 to prevent a financial hold from being placed on your record.**

WEB and TELEPHONE REGISTRATION is based on the following classification: Wednesday, November 8 (Graduate Students and Seniors); Thursday, November 9, 2000 (Juniors); Friday, November 10, 2000 (Sophomores).

Departmental Registration begins on November 13 and ends on November 17, 2000 (Monday-Friday). New, Re-Entry, and Transfer students with less than 30 hours may not register by telephone or Internet. You must go to your major department and see an advisor for advisement and registration.

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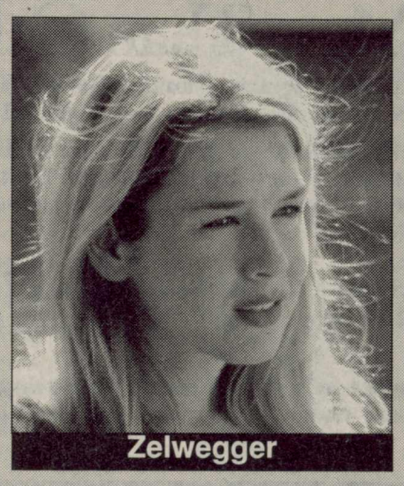
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The View from the Front Row

By Larry Collins
Life Editor

Generation GAP

Every generation has a group of performers that are always prevalent in pop culture. This group of performers were originally the Las Vegas lounge singers known as the Rat Pack. In the 80s a group of ambitious young actors worked their way into the hearts and onto the silver screen and became known as the Brat Pack. As we start a new Millennium, I feel that it is time that we christen the new entertainers that will become the elite of the business.


Zelwegger

The lucky few young actors that I see fit to place in the category of Generation GAP (yes the pun was intended) are as follows: Michelle Williams, Nia long, Renee Zelwegger, Tobey McGuire, Joshua Jackson and Jared Leto.

Williams and Jackson are both Dawson's Creek alums, but that shouldn't be held against them. Williams has proven herself as an accomplished and complex actress time and time again. Her work on HBO's If These Walls Could Talk 2 was amazing and she continued to shine in her role in But I'm A Cheerleader. If the moviegoer can look past her short stint as a Scream Queen in Halloween H20 they will see that she has a string and promising career ahead of her.

His starring role in the Skulls may have quieted those that doubted his ability to be a volatile actor. He also showed the range that he possesses as he played a flamboyant homosexual in Cruel Intentions.

One of Williams' co-stars in If These Walls Could Talk, Nia Long joins Generation GAP. Long has been in countless films and has played a wide variety of characters ranging from inner city youth to a young mother on the run from in Big Mama's House. Long has paid her dues to the acting world by holding down several roles on soap operas.

McGuire has become one of the best young dramatic actors of our time and it is only a matter of time until he wins his first Oscar. His work in The Cider House Rules and Pleasantville give me hope for his promising career.

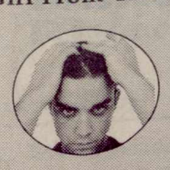
The Same can be said for Jared Leto. He broke onto the scene on My So Called Life and like the Dawson's kids, broke the mold of teenybopper television. His work in Fight Club played well with seasoned actors like Brad Pitt and Edward Norton.

And finally the leader the group is Renee Zelwegger who I liken to Demi Moore in The Brat Pack. If anyone will make it in the industry it will be her. It is interesting to watch her grow from Empire Records to Jerry Maguire to One True Thing. I only hope that she doesn't ruin her career like Moore did with a movie like Striptease... wait I forgot... Me Myself and Irene.

The Current Sauce Top 25



1. *Minority*	*Green Day*
2. Rock DJ	*Robbie Williams*
3. You're a god	*Vertical Horizon*
4. Incomplete	*Sisqo*
5. Pinch Me	*Barenaked Ladies*
6. Come on Over	*Christina Aguilera feat. Fred Durst*
7. Black Jesus	*Everlast*
8. Independent Woman	*Destiny's Child*
9. Teenage Dirtbag	*Wheatus*
10. This I Promise You	*'N Sync*
11. The First	*Tegan and Sara*
12. The Way I Am	*Eminem*
13. I Need You	*Leanne Rimes*
14. The Way You Love Me	*Faith Hill*
15. Wonderful	*Everclear*
16. Bounce With Me	*Lil Bow Wow feat. Xscape*
17. With Arms Wide Open	*Creed*
18. Last Resort	*Papa Roach*
19. I Will... But	*SheDaisy*
20. Jumpin' Jumpin'	*Destiny's Child*
21. Promise	*Eve 6*
22. One Voice	*Billy Gilman*
23. Sun Down	*Elwood*
24. I Hope You Dance	*LeeAnn Womack*
25. Girl From The Gutter	*Kina*





Macbeth: Shakespearean tragedy or NSU travesty?

By Randall S. Frederick
Life Critic

Review

The NSU theater production of William Shakespeare's *Macbeth* was a success. The turnout for the production was phenomenal with a full house of both students and Natchitoches residents. The theater department should be happy with the turnout and hope for equal seating success in the future.

The performance itself left a great deal to be desired. The *curse*, what some believe to be, was the actors. The entire first act was performed so poorly (in the honest opinion of this writer) that the actors seemed to think they were performing the stage play of *Braveheart* instead of a classical masterpiece.

The dark *hero* of Macbeth seemed trite at best, and Lady Macbeth would have been better in a circus than on stage with her unnecessary laughing fits. Her relationship with Macbeth ran quickly from hot to cold. In one second, it appeared she would grope Macbeth's codpiece (protective gear of the groin), and the next, she would push him away shrieking. It is unbelievable that anyone, despite what century they lived in, would be swayed by the love Lady Macbeth gave her husband and king.

Macbeth responded in kind with a catatonic state. Perhaps he was in meditation, thinking of the consequences murder would bring on him. Perhaps he was thinking how badly he wanted off the stage and go to McDonalds for a McRib combo. In either case, his mind was elsewhere and not on the events being spoken of.

When I performed on the stage myself, I was told a simple truth. "If you don't know what you're saying, say it loud." There was a lot of shouting in *Macbeth*, and those who didn't speak at a level to be heard, seemed as confused and out of place as if the true characters had been placed on stage. They looked around constantly, and their hushed dialogue dealing with their King looked like lovesick school children speaking about their teacher.


Photo by Steve Evans
LIFE critic finds that Colin Trahan and Jena Westbrook's performances in Macbeth were "full of sound and fury signifying nothing."

I was severely disappointed in the entire first act and disgusted with the butchery of Shakespeare. During intermission, I began to think about getting up and leaving, but for some reason, I stayed.

Whether it was because what I had seen previously was so awful or whether things actually improved, the second act redeemed the play somewhat. I can only hope the reason for this was because Wann was present to give them the major points of *Acting 101*.

The fight scene that had been talked about and hailed as "awesome" and "rivaling a Jean Claude VanDamme movie" was amateur, but it was as best can be expected in a college play performance where actors visibly flinch after hours of sword play practice.

It lacked realism and was dependent only on quick movements to divert the eyes from the foot distance between blows. Anyone awake would have noticed there was no trust for safety between performers.

All was not lost though. One of the few high points of the night was a return to true Shakespeare with the arrival of Tony Blanco.

Blanco went above and beyond the call of his role taking the time to learn more than what was required of him.

His performance was powerful, and his exiting the stage left me with a twinge of sorrow, for he was the play's last hope. Blanco should have been given the role of Macbeth, for he was the only one who truly understood the script, performing, where he needed to be on the set and delivery of the lines.

I hope the theater department will recognize true actors at the casting call for their next play, *The Musical Murders of 1940*.

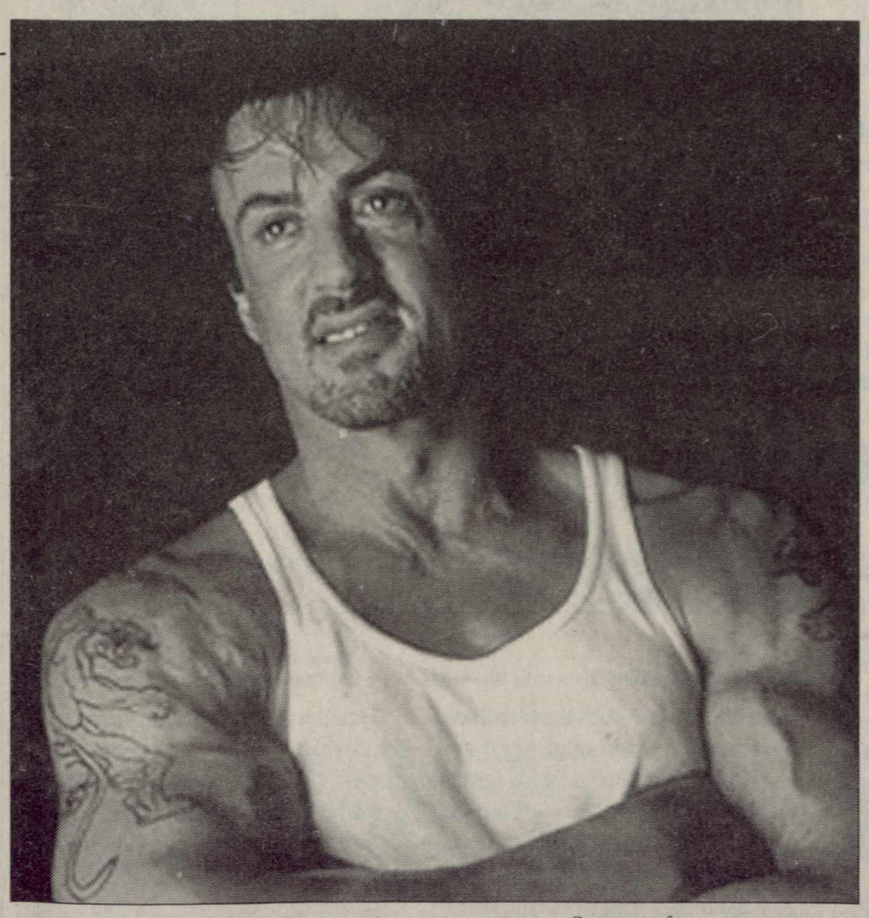
Sly Stallone's comeback effort came and went with little notice in his newest film *Get Carter*

By Mindy Mixon
LIFE Critic

Review

Sylvester Stallone's latest guy flick *Get Carter* desperately needs to get new actors. Once again, Sylvestor prances through the redundant story line wearing nothing but his occasional wife beater and flexing his massive yet veiny fifty year old muscles.

Extremely fast-paced and somewhat confusing, the plot is formatted to withhold all the information for the grand finale....except that after two long hours the ending makes no sense. It leaves you with unanswered questions and in a state of perplexity. Stallone plays a bookie from Las Vegas whose estranged brother dies of a somewhat suspicious nature. (He too is involved in the reputable casino line of work.) Our hero returns to his hometown despite all the bad memories to get revenge on those brazen enough to murder a member of his family.


Courtesy of rottentomatoes.com
Sly Stallone tries to regain his earlier popularity in his latest film effort *"Get Carter."*

Once he's home, Stallone becomes entangled in a web of....Surprise!! Deception, lies and women. Everyone lies to protect and cover themselves but all to no avail. Our brilliant star figures out the complex riddle. Once he has solved the brain teaser, he promptly proceeds to kill off the rest of the remaining cast.

There was a moment in *Get Carter* where I took a trip down memory lane and experienced some *Rocky* déjà vu. Cyon, a thug almost as big as Stallone but twice as sinister, pounds on Sylvestor and just when Cyon has him down for the count, he makes the typical movie mistake.

He walks away patting himself on the back for a job well done. So guess what happens next? Rocky picks himself up, wipes the blood off his mangled face and seeks Cyon out, where he shoots him through the head with a concealed hand weapon.

But don't expect to view Stallone running from any police enforcement in this movie. No, that would be too realistic for this movie theme. After all, this is Las Vegas; the casino big boys run this city. Cops simply don't exist.

To throw in more excitement, Stallone's loyal bookie partner from Las Vegas is forced to come after him when the *Big Casino Boss* discovers Stallone shacking with his lady friend, Audrey.

Now, between Cyon's gang and his own respectable friends, Mr. Muscles is getting it from all sides.

In the end, however, Stallone escapes it all and even bonds with his troubled but likable niece, Doreen, who I might add does appear to have talent.

And just before the credits roll, Sylvestor rides off into the sunset freshly shaven and casually dressed, headed back to Las Vegas where he'll drop the macho gangster act and next play the prince in shining armor to rescue Audrey – his shady lady in waiting.

Spotlight: There she is...

Miss NSU Camille Nunez

Heather Patton
LIFE Reporter



Photo by Courtney Payne
Miss NSU Camille Nunez celebrates her victory with life-long best friend and Homecoming Queen Virginia Dixon

Camille Nunez was very surprised and pleased to win Miss NSU 2000.

"I never thought I'd be Miss NSU," Camille said. "I was surprised by the nomination. It just made my whole year."

Camille's biggest honor was being voted on by her peers.

"It just shows that I must have done something right," Camille said.

Camille is the middle child in her family. She is involved in numerous activities like Sigma Sigma Sigma, Purple Jackets and was a Freshman Connector. Camille said that the stressfulness of her schedule is what keeps her going.

"I never regret all the things and activities I've done," Camille said. "I'm a stressful person, but I thrive on it. It helps me keep up with everything."

Camille is a senior journalism major with an emphasis in the public relations area, but she didn't always want to be in journalism.

"In high school, I wanted to be in theater, but I decided that communications would be the best field to work in," Camille said. "It's more hands on. I like writing and the whole aspect of journalism. I've never changed my major, although I've had my doubts. The first class I took that really made me want to get in public relations was a campaign class I took."

Camille especially wants to please her parents and make them proud of her.

"My parents are really easy-going," Camille said. "They always let me make my own decision, even if they felt I needed to quit a few activities because of the stress. They've been so proud of me, so that's why I continue to work on attaining my goals. I just want them to know how much I appreciate their support. This honor is how I thank them."

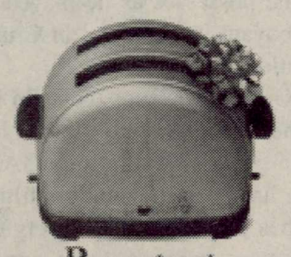
Camille said that when she graduates, she will have used her time wisely and had her most memorable year.

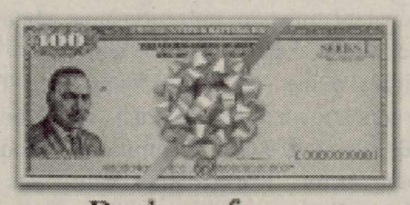
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Spotlight: Setting the standard

Mr. NSU Mark Bulot

Heather Patton
LIFE Reporter

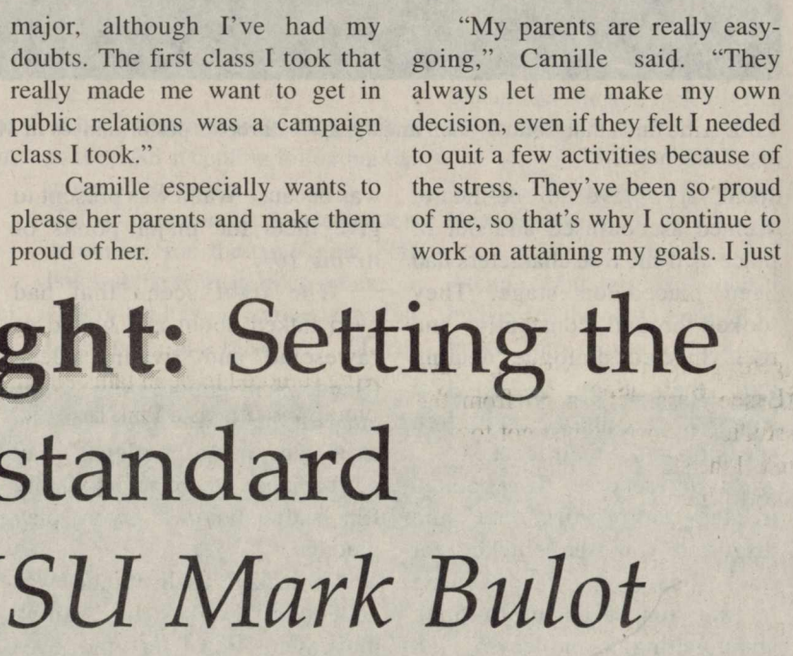


Photo by Courtney Payne
Mr. NSU Mark Bulot chats with the students he has been chosen to represent.

Some may think that Mark Bulot, Mr. NSU, is your typical male.

He loves the outdoors, fishing, hunting and sports, but Mark also has a different side he hopes to show to others, his helpful one. Mark is a senior nursing major who hopes to make it to the top.

"You must be at the top of your class," Mark said. "I have a lot of goals I want to get to. I want to be able to enjoy life and have fun with it. If I can get my master's, great, if not, so be it. I'll just work in a specialized department."

Mark's sister first introduced him to Northwestern.

"My sister attended some cheerleading camps here," Mark said. "I competed with her in a competition. I was pretty good, so they asked me to try out for the team here. I just fell in love with the people here, and it felt like home."

Mark has been in many different activities on campus besides cheerleading. He has been a member of Sigma Nu fraternity since the spring of 1998. He was in the theater program for a while and a Freshman Connector. Mark said he was hoping to become Mr. NSU this year because he thought he could best represent the University.

"I was excited," Mark said. "I consider this to be big. You think back to what you've done for the school or what the school's done for you, and I was proud to represent Northwestern."

Mark hopes that becoming a nurse will allow him to make good money and help others at the same time. He said that he likes the hours of working at night and has talked to others who enjoy working in the medical profession. Mark said that he wants to get a few "toys" when he gets established in his profession.

"I want a boat and especially a big old truck," Mark said. "I'm a city guy wanting to be a country boy. I have so many goals, and there's so much I want to do. Hopefully I will get into clinicals and have my master's degree. I just want to be happy and enjoy life."

Besides being an outdoorsman, Mark really cooks, in the kitchen, that is.

"I like to cook," Mark said. "The kitchen is my lab. The best thing I have cooked was a roast."

Mark also gives his parents praise for who he has become.

"I am a product of good parenting," Mark said. "I owe everything to them. They've pushed me and my siblings to go for all we can. None of us are perfect, and they just tell us to build on our mistakes."

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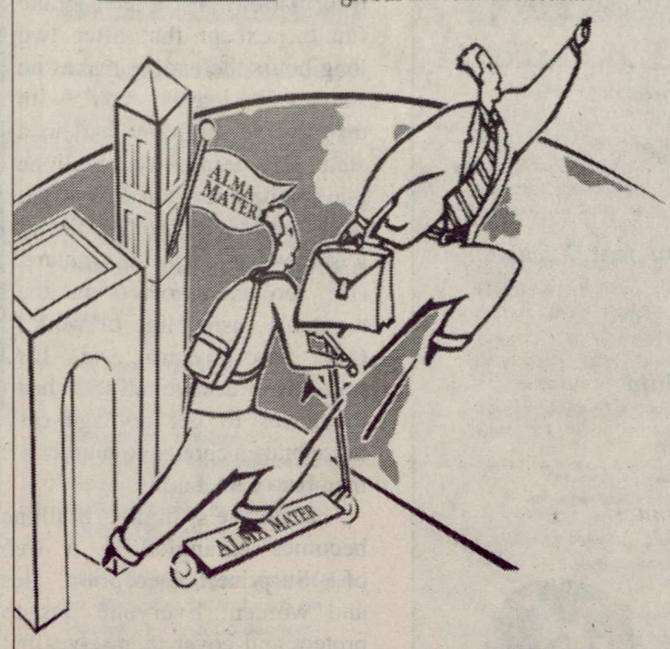
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WHAT IS BREAST CANCER?

Breast cancer develops when abnormal breast tissue cells develop and their growth spins out of control. These cells form tumors (lumps) that can spread to surrounding healthy breast tissue or other parts of the body. Cancer cells compete with healthy cells for nutrients and oxygen supplied by the blood.

THE FACTS: First the bad news! Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women, other than skin cancer. It is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, after lung cancer. This disease will affect approximately 175,000 women this year and nearly 43,300 of them will die. Men can also get breast cancer, although this is rare.

Many young women believe that they are not at risk for developing breast cancer because of their age. The truth is that it can affect a woman at any age in her adult life, although it typically develops after age 50 (approximately 77% of all cases). Breast cancer does not just happen, it occurs over a period of time.

THE FACTS: Now the good news! The earlier breast cancer is found, the better the chances for successful treatment. Detecting breast cancer in the early stages is possible if a woman takes personal responsibility for her health.. Because early breast cancer does not produce symptoms, it's important for all women to follow the guidelines for early detection.

1. Take part in regular breast exams.

* All women over 20 should do a breast self-examination (BSE) every month.
* All women between the ages of 20 and 39 should have a clinical breast exam (performed by a health care professional) every 3 years.
* All women 40 and older should have a mammogram and a clinical breast exam every year.

2. Know what to look for.

* New lump or mass that is painless, hard, and has irregular edges
* Swelling of part of the breast
* Skin irritation or dimpling
* A discharge other than breast milk
* Redness or scaliness of the nipple or skin
* Nipple pain or the nipple turning inward

BREAST CANCER RISK FACTORS:

A woman's best chance for detecting breast cancer early is to follow the guidelines for regular breast exams. Equally important is her understanding of breast cancer risk factors and how these factors may affect her overall chances of developing the disease. Not all risk factors are equal and having more than one risk factor increases a woman's overall risk.

1. Risk factors that cannot be changed:

* Being a woman
* Aging
* Race - white woman are slightly more likely to develop breast cancer than African-American women. But African-American women are more likely to die of this cancer.
* Family history of breast cancer
* Genetics
* Early menstruation - women who began having periods before age 12 have a small increased risk.

2. Risk factors that can be controlled:

* Alcohol use
* Diet & controlling weight
* Smoking
* Use of birth control pills
* Exercise
* Exposure to environmental pollutants

TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR HEALTH: No one else will!

Adopt a healthy behavior if you are over age 20 - perform a monthly breast exam. It is simple and takes very little time. Consider the outcome if you don't.

Please share this information will other women, perhaps a mother, grandmother, sister, wife, daughter, or friend.

COLUMNIST'S NOTE: If you are interested in learning more about this health issue or you have questions about other health topics please email me at: currentsauce@hotmail.com.

'N Sync members set to star in *Grease 3*

By Randall S. Frederick
LIFE Reporter



Courtesy of 'N Side 'N Sync
'N Sync is being tapped to take over roles in *Grease 3*.

The members of Nsync will soon be strutting their stuff on the big screen. All five members, JC Chasez, Joey Fatone, Lance Bass, Chris Kirkpatrick and Justin Timberlake have announced plans to star in "Grease 3" as modern T-birds at Rydell High.

Lance and Justin have already shown their acting ability with guest appearances on television. Lance had a guest role on family-friendly "7th Heaven", Justin appeared alongside Kathie Lee Gifford in Disney's "Model Behavior". The other bandmembers have yet to stretch their acting legs past "The Mickey Mouse Club" and McDonalds commercials.

In the past, "Grease" has proved to be a great vehicle for talent, with box-office stars John Travolta in the first, and Michelle Pfeiffer in the sequel. Both their vocal and acting talents have been showcased and crafted, and it is expected that the popularity of Nsync will draw from both the "Grease" fanbase and the fans of their own c.d.'s and music videos.

Although the storyline is still being developed, Entertainment Weekly reports that the group will start in pre-production once the actor strikes are settled in Hollywood.

"We're going ahead and getting the script written," says Lance Bass. "It's a go from the studios and we've just got to wait until the strike is over, then we can start filming."

Britney Spears is also said to have a part in the film. Her romantic relationship with Nsync member Justin Timberlake is very public, and in the past, she has expressed an interest in a movie role where she would be able to sing, dance, and prove her acting abilities have grown since her "Mickey Mouse Club" days. If Spears does accept a role, it could easily be assumed that she would play a Pink Lady.

In addition, Britney Spears rival Christina Aguilera is also being rumored to be in talks about joining the film as a Pink Lady. "It's gonna be a huge, huge movie, and we've got some major, major people in it." Bass added.

Currently, Nsync is recording their newest album. They will also be joining the long list of gueststars on "The Simpsons" when they visit Spingfield to give advise to upstart band "Party Posse". "Party Posse" will have Springfield Elementary's finest in their band, including Bart Simpson, bully Nelson Muntz, dim-witted Ralph Wiggum and Bart's best friend Milhouse VanHouten. That episode of "The Simpsons" is set to be released in February the same week their c.d. will be released.

In the meantime, Nsync can be heard on "Platinum Christmas", a holiday c.d. that will include R. Kelly, Toni Braxton, Christina Aguilera, rival boy band Backstreet Boys and Britney Spears. It is being said that deals for "Grease 3" were signed when the members of Nsync talked with Aguilera and Spears in the studio. "Platinum Christmas" will be released November 14th.

Student Activities Board welcomes master hypnotist

On Tuesday, October 24, 2000 Master Hypnotist C.J. Johnson plans to make believers out of the University and community. Johnson said "a lot of people come into the show as skeptics, then watch as one of their friends forgets his own name, gets stuck to her chair or becomes the Crocodile Hunter. This is usually disbelief."

C.J. Johnson will be performing his show in The Alley on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.. Students, staff and members of the community are welcome to come and judge for themselves whether the show is legitimate or not.

The doors will open 20-30 minutes early and admission is free.

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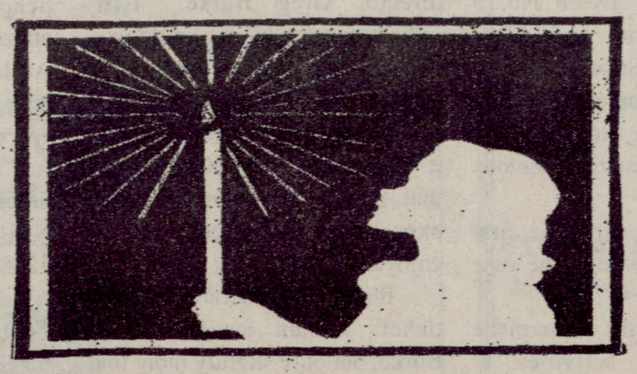
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Sports

Demon soccer gaining momentum heading into final games

Demons win big over SWT, prepare for conference tournament

By Brien Hollkamp
Sauce Reporter

The Northwestern State University Demons' soccer team, which is now tied for first place in the Southland Conference after the win against Southwest Texas 4-2, wants to represent the conference in the national tournament.

"We would be honored to get to go represent our conference in the national tournament." Head Coach Jimmy Mitchell said.

The Demons have only one regular season game left. The Demons will have their last home game this Sunday against Nicholls, then the Demons will host the Southland conference tournament Oct. 27-29.

Sunday's game at Demon Field started off with a goal by Jill Low from a corner kick within the first seven minutes of the first half. This put the Demons up 1-0 until the second and last goal of the half was kicked from about 30 yards out and went over the Bobcat goalie's head.

After halftime, with the Demons up 2-0, NSU Junior Britiany Cargill, last week' s offensive player of the week, scored the first goal of the second half and tied her record with 13 goals for the season. Then with 31 minutes to play she broke her own school and conference record for goals in a season.

The Demons were up 4-0 for 20 more minutes,and then a Bobcat scored a goal on Tiffany Swingler,the defensive player of the week who picked up her school-record fifth shutout for the Demons last week.

The next and final goal by the Bobcats was scored a minute later off of an indirect kick. The Demons then put their foot down and defensively put an end to the Bobcat's scoring.

The Demons (11-7) , can do no worse than tie for first for the SLC regular season championship if they win their last two games.

"Its just a matter of how long we can sustain that level of play," Mitchell said

Swingler, Cargill named conference players of the week:

For the second consecutive week, two Demon soccer players were named conference player of the week. Brittany Cargill's five points and two game -winning goals were good enough to give her the award for the second time this year. On the defensive side, Tiffany Swingler's school- record fifth shutout made her the defensive player of the week for the second consecutive week. Last week, Swingler and Missy Payne were players of the week for the Demons.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Press
Jacqualyn Lawrence battles with an SWT defender in Sunday's 4-2 win

Graduate "N" Club to induct new members

Former Demons to be honored at Prather Coliseum

By Mindy Mixon
Sauce Reporter

Four former Northwestern athletes will be inducted into the Graduate "N" Club, the highest honor a former Demon athlete can receive, this Saturday before the Demons do battle with the McNeese State Cowboys.

The new inductees are former football players John Dilworth and John Wayne Odom, women's basketball great Linda Grayson and track star Harold Smith.

The members were selected for this tribute by a vote from the member of the Graduate N Club.

"These four people are very deserving of this recognition," said Johnnie Emmons, secretary-treasurer of the Graduate N Club. "Each one has made major impact on the athletic history of our university and this is one way that all of us who love Northwestern can thank them for what they have accomplished and how they have represented our school."

Dilworth, Grayson, Odom, and Smith will be honored during ceremonies at 10 a.m. in Prather Stadium this Saturday. The public is invited to attend. The newly-inducted honorees will then be introduced during the Homecoming football game beginning at 2 p.m. in Turpin Stadium.

John Dilworth played football for the Demons and was awarded both the All-Louisiana and All-Gulf States Conference pick his senior year. He graduated in 1974 and went on to play pro-ball for the Miami

see "N' Club" pg. 9

Athletes in Action



Gary Hardamon/NSU Press
Fans and athletes alike enjoy going to support Demon sports, whether it be football games or volleyball games.

Demon athletes believe they have an obligation to support their fellow athletes

By Cooda Dobin
Sauce Reporter

The Demon athletes never come to athletic events, alone but in packs.

"It shows good school spirit." said Lady Demon Basketball player KiKi Junior. "We are all one big team,"

Demon athletes are known to use other Demon events and games as mutual meeting grounds. For instance, the Lady Demon Basketball team sometimes meet at the Demon volleyball games or the Demon football games. The soccer team often meet at the softball games.

Although most athletes may agree home game wins are due in great part because of the support of the fans. Having fellow athletes, classmates, and friends may also have helped to contribute to the Demon sports records.

"Among athletes we need even more people to get into the games" said Jamie Frasier, Demon softball player. "I think it's important to support other athletes because what fun is playing if no one is cheering."

Although there are a lot of athletes and other fans there to support athletic events, the coaches of other athletic events are also supporting other events.

"I think that our Lady Demon basketball team does an excellent job of going out supporting other sports," said Lady Demons assistant coach Wendy Schuller. "Hopefully, we are setting a model for other sports team to follow."

When it comes to Demon athletes, it all comes down to support being the name of the game.

"I love watching other sports" said Aaron Darcey of the Demon baseball team.

Pride also comes to mind when Demons support other Demon athletes. To know other athletes care enough to come out to see you perform is a good feeling.

Athletes have spirit, yes they do.

"It shows a sense of pride from athletes to support other athletes at any athletic event," Darcey states.

Support and pride goes hand and hand when dealing with Demon athletes. "When other athletes support us and come to our games, it pumps us up." said April George, Demon volleyball player. " Athletes just have that bond to support each other."

"It makes us feel like we can accomplish anything when there are other athletes from other sports supporting us," said Erica Casnave of the Demon track team. Teammate Jaqueline Canton said "It makes us feel good that other athletes come to support other sports outside of their own."

Volleyball team rides three game win streak

By Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

It took less than an hour for the NSU volleyball team to dispose of the Nicholls State Colonels 3-0 in conference play tuesday.

The Demons (12-11 overall, 5-7 SLC) got 13 kills and 10 digs from senior Elizabeth Perez to give the Demons three quick 15-11, 15-9 and 15-5 matches.

Along with a .500 hitting percentage, Perez added four aces to go with her eighth double-double of the season.

The Demons totally dominated the net with a season-high .393 attack percentage, compared to only .034 for the Colonels.

Dyanna Dubois slammed nine kills and hit a .643 average.

Christina Stone and Lauren Thorman both had seven kills on the night.

Coupled with wins over Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and Texas-Pan American over the weekend, the Demons are now over .500 this late in the season for the first time since 1992. The 12 wins are the most Demon victories in a season since 1993.

The five conference wins are also the most conference victories ever for the Demon program.

The Demons open up a tough weekend homestand against Texas-San Antonio Friday at 7:00. Saturday, the Demons welcome the No. 8 ranked team in the region, Southwest Texas at 7 p.m.

All Demon volleyball games are free to the public.

Football avoids upset, beats Nicholls 27-21

By Cooda Dobin
Sauce Reporter

The Nicholls State Colonels held the 10th-ranked Demons to a 19-6 deficit up until the fourth quarter when the Demons scored 21 straight points to beat the Colonels 27-21

With Tony Taylor scoring the only Demon touchdown in the first half, the Demons trailed for most of the 1st half and all of the 3rd quarter, but three fourth quarter touchdowns in the Southland Conference game is the route the Demons took to victory.

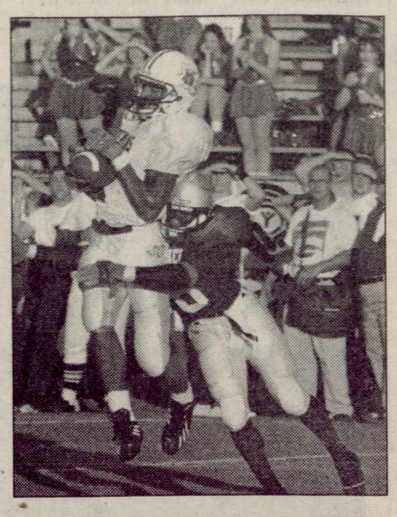
On an attempt to slow down the offense of Taylor the Colonels jammed the line of scrimmage. Back-up quarterback Aubrey Jones, who only started four games last season as a sophomore bought threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to T.J. Sutherland on third and goal.

Taylor rushed for 66-yards behind full back Darvell Bivens and tackle Albert Traylor to set up the next touchdown for Taylor. Jeremy Lofton then added a 38-yard touchdown run with 2:28 remaining, scoring for the third straight possession.

Running out the games final five seconds Jones took a fourth down snap and ran back 31 yards to take a safety to keep Nicholls from getting the ball

"Ben has won the game for us before and he will again, but today, we had Aubrey step up and our whole team responded with our backs against the wall," Coach Steve Roberts said.

The Demon defense only allowed three yards in three-fourth quarter series.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Press
T.J. Sutherland in for a TD.

Tickets for McNeese game going fast, officials say

Ticket sales are brisk for the Saturday afternoon matchup in Turpin Stadium between No. 9 Northwestern State and 17th-ranked McNeese State as fans of both nationally-ranked football teams are eager to see the showdown between the Demons and Cowboys.

Kickoff is 2 p.m., the first afternoon home game of the year for Northwestern.

The game is the centerpiece of Homecoming activities at NSU, with queen Virginia Dixon and her court presented at halftime of the game.

Both teams are 5-1 overall and in first place in the Southland Football League at 2-0.

"Our fans obviously are excited about this game, and with good reason," said NSU athletic director Greg Burke. "Early indications are that we could have one of the biggest crowds in Turpin Stadium history. The weather should be perfect and so it shapes up as one of those days that makes the college football experience so unique and so enjoyable."

Plenty of general admission tickets remain available, said Burke, but only slightly more than 100 chairback seats are left.

The chairback seats are $14 each. General admission tickets are $8, but a special Homecoming discount price of $6 is available to fans purchasing tickets by Friday at these locations: Brookshire's Grocery in Natchitoches, Natchitoches Central High School, the Leesville High School athletic fieldhouse, and the NSU Athletic Ticket office in the athletic fieldhouse at the south end of Turpin Stadium.

Fans can place telephone orders for tickets by dialing the NSU ticket office at 318-357-4268 and using a credit card.

Eight former Natchitoches Central players will be on the field for Saturday's game.

Northwestern has NCHS products Kendrick Llorens, Traymain Madison, Zach Rogers, Carust Scott, Davin White and Orlando Hamilton while former Chiefs Jessie Burton and Jerod Jones play for McNeese.

The newest Graduate "N" club members

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Dolphins, then later for the Canadian Football League. After a knee injury ended his career he went into the education business where he has been principal of Shreveport's Fair Park High School, Huntington High School and Broadmoor Jr. High. Recently, he became the assistant superintendent for Caddo Parish.

Dilworth was awarded the team conditioning award all four years he played for the Demons.

Linda Grayson is the career scoring leader for the Lady Demons basketball team and ranks No. 2 in rebounding and No. 4 in field goal aim. Grayson was named All-American in 1988 and assisted the Lady Demons to 1989 NCAA Tournament her senior year. She led the SLC in scoring, rebounding, steals and blocked shots during her career. Other honors include All-Conference three times and honorable mention on the All-Time All-Louisiana Women's Collegiate Team. Her jersey No. 33 has been retired.

John Wayne Odom lettered all four years in both football and track, and twice captured the All-Gulf States Conference award. The Houston Oilers drafted Odom in 1965. In 1972 Odom went on to teach his football knowledge to high school teams, first at St. Mary's in Natchitoches, then at Claiborne Academy. Under his leadership, the St. Mary's Lions won 10 straight seasons, won the state championship in 1977 and was runner-up in 1981. He also won district coach of the year 10 season in a row as well as state Class A Coach of the Year. At Claiborne, he coached them to three state championship games and won two state titles, consistently making the state playoffs every year he was head coach.

Harold Smith was a four-year All-Gulf States Conference star on the Demons track team beginning in 1955. As a freshman, Smith helped Northwestern win the first of three straight conference of his career. After graduation, Smith entered military life at Fort Dix, where he coached track and played football for two years.

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Gameweek 2000: Northwestern State Demons V McNeese State Cowboys

It's Homecoming. See what the *Prediction Station* has in store for Demon fans this week



By Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

Well, I'm 1-1 so far, but barely. I guess someone down a t Nicholls got word of my low expectations for them. Why does everyone want to prove me wrong these days? If you can answer that question, you're probably better fit to be Sports Editor than I am.

I've been asked over the past couple of weeks, "Rondray, how do you come up with your predictions. What kind of formula do you use?" To be perfectly honest, there is no formula. Most sports prognosticators like myself make picks for one thing and one thing only: because we can! I mean, how many times in life do you get the chance to just shout out your opinions on a subject and have them read by thousands of people every week. I recommend that all of you become an editor of some sorts before you die.

Another thing is that people like me who give predictions are not coaches. We don't watch game film, we don't analyze a particular weakness in McNeese' 3-4 defense. We don't do any of that. like scientists; we simply study the evidence presented to us, look at past trends, throw in a couple of intangibles, and make an educated guess. Sometimes we're right, sometimes were wrong. Case in point, last weekend at Nicholls.

Last week, in the final paragraph of my prediction, I said that the only thing the Demons would have to watch out for is a letdown. They had to make sure they weren't feeling too good about themselves after beating Troy State. I also said that wouldn't happen. I was wrong. It did happen, and the Demons barely escaped with a win.

You know the phrase, "any team can be beaten on any given day?" Well, it doesn't just apply when you're David against Goliath. Sometimes you are Goliath, and last week, Nicholls was almost David. It was almost as if the ghost of football future told the Demons, "see what you did against Troy State...this could happen to you!"

Turns out that Ben Beach caught a case of "streakinitis," a disease that affects the timing abilities of quarterbacks whereas one week, the quarterback can throw perfect strikes to his receivers all day long, then the next week, can't hit water if he fell out a boat.

That's bad news for Tony Taylor. It's amazing that he was two yards shy of rushing for 200 yards in a game where he basically saw nine, even 10-man fronts stacked on the line of scrimmage. Opposing teams are starting to wake up to the idea of "we're not going to let Tony Taylor beat us."

Don't get me wrong, Ben Beach definitely has play-making abilities, and he's got some game-breaking receivers as well. But opposing defense are basically daring the Demons to throw the ball. It's a twisted little Catch-22.

But all things considered, I think last week's game can only help the Demons. Let's face it, it's Homecoming, the Demons will have no problems getting up for McNeese, and they know that a 21-point fourth quarter burst is not going to do it against a red-hot Cowboy team.

I spoke to Gerald Long, FCA director, at the soccer game Sunday, and he told me that the Demons are are much better home team than road team.

I think he's right.

He'd better be.

Demons 21, McNeese 17 (in a REALLY close one)

Feel free to respond to the Prediction Station's predictions. email Rondray at Rondray@hotmail.com or currentsauce@hotmail.com. You can also email him by log in on to www.currentsauce .com



Gary Hardamon/NSU Press
Tony Taylor is now the all-time leading rusher in NSU history

Sports network top 20 Poll...

1) G. Southern
2) Portland State
3) Youngstown State
4) Delaware
5) Montana
6) W. Illinois
7) Furman
8) Appalacian State
9) **Northwestern State**
10) **Troy State**
11) Hofstra
12) W. Kentucky
13) Lehigh
14) North Carolina A&T
15) UMASS
16) James Madison
17) **McNeese State**
18) Villanova
19) Richmond
20) Grambling State

Southland Conference teams bolded

Southland Conference Standings...

	W	L
1. Northwestern State	2	0
McNeese State	2	0
Sam Houston	2	0
4. Troy State	1	1
5. Southwest Texas	1	1
6. Jacksonville State	1	2
7. Stephen F. Austin	0	2
8. Nicholls State	0	3

Conference play only.

NSU Demons V McNeese State Cowboys
Saturday, Oct. 21, 2:00 p.m.
Turpin Stadium

THE SERIES: This is perhaps one of the fiercest rivalries in the Southland conference. Last year, McNeese defeated the Demons 20-17 in Lake Charles when Demon receiver Chris Pritchett was stopped four yards shy of the goalline with no time left on the clock. The last time McNeese played here in Turpin, the goalposts fell as the Demons upset the at-the-time No.1 ranked team in the nation 14-10

The Demons win if... they can hold banged up tailback Jesse Burton from having a big game. The Natchitoches-Central High School product leads the team in rushing. He scored three touchdowns in a 41-0 shutout of Prarie View.

Gametime Weather: Partly cloudy skies, with temperatures a bit warmer. Highs are expected to the near 80. A very slight chance of rain, maybe 10%.

-Weather provided by weather.com

Sports class to host "Volleyball 500"

The Budgeting class of Sports Administration program will put on the Volleyball 500 program when the Demons take on in-state and Southland Conference rival Louisiana-Monroe Tuesday night.

The goal of the class is to fill the seats of Prather Coliseum with 500 fans through contest, prizes and a menagerie of prizes handed out.

The theme for the game will Halloween-oriented with prizes going out for the best costume for college and grammar schools students.

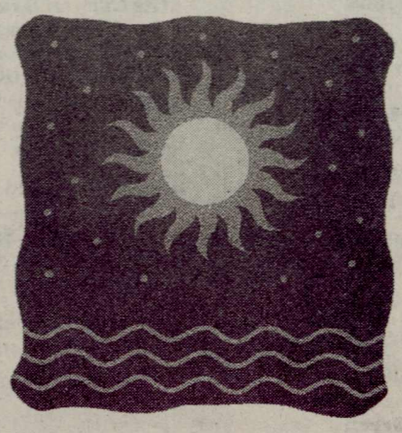
Campus organizations will fight for 50-yard line spot for the Stephen F. Austin game Nov. 11 by having the most people there. One can also expect a pizza shoot-out and a laundry shoot-out at the halfway point of the match

Northwestern State match against Louisiana Monroe will be at 7 p.m. and is open to the public.



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Opinions

The Human Mistake: part six

God's little hood ornament
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The following is the latest in an ongoing series written by a student here at the University.

Warning: This deals with sensitive material. Reader Discretion is advised.

Back to the action. My freshman year of high school was notable only because the freshman in our town went to a different school than the rest of the high school kids. I wore black and stayed mostly to my self.

My sophomore year I discovered other kids who wore black, although they seemed much more adamant about the color than I. Being clothed in their traditional garb, I was admitted to their dark company. These people might have been completely insane. They trusted me with things I'm not sure they should have been thinking. It began rather innocently; I would talk to these kids about some heavy metal music, and they would show me their satanic workbooks.

These were youngsters steeped in the occult. There were about four or five potential cult leaders and another 20 to 25 possible followers. I just hung around these kids and watched. I would go to their houses on weekends and watch them sit around bonfires chanting with their legs crossed. They would play constantly with invisible balls of energy.

Some of them claimed to be hundreds of years old; others were vampires. This was all some pretty exciting stuff to me. It started to get a little strange; however, when I started helping them make homemade pentagram brands out of coat hangers.

As exciting as it may seem, it is never very fun to be the person to jab a piece of red hot metal into someone's back; they tend to not take it very well. They would scream for a while, and I would pour cheap liquor on the burns. One kid's brand got infected, and he had to go to the hospital a week after he got branded because he passed out in his chemistry class.

"Self pity wasn't really fun to me anymore, and I didn't want to burn the vampires any more."

I had a lot of trouble believing the things I was told to, as a result I wasn't accepted fully in to their folds, but they kept me around because I was good at burning people and could make them laugh. I started to teach a few of them how to make home made explosives and not too much later I would read in the news paper about neighborhood dogs being firebombed. It was ok.. I was kind of scared of dogs anyway.

I became kind of the confidant to a few of these people. We would hang around, and I would listen to stories about how much they hated everybody and how big the universe was.

I grew tired of their boring repetitive evil. I would have to read their terrible poetry and correct the spelling of their badly phrased suicide notes. None of them would ever kill themselves, but they would write suicide notes constantly.

They drifted away from the giddy youthful hatred that initially attracted me to their group. The branding and bomb making slowly stopped and instead the serial killers of the future slowly became unmotivated drunkards, and I quit hanging around.

Self pity wasn't really fun to me anymore, and I didn't want to burn the vampires any more.

Letter to the editor:

This weeks letter comes from Missy Dupreast.

Financial Aid: Making Students' Lives...What?

Hi, my name is Missy, and I live in a van down by the river. Well...I soon will, anyway. After reading an article about the wonderful financial assistance that NSU offers, I was inspired to tell about my encounters with financial aid.

Knowing I was going to need money for food and rent, this summer I put in my loan application. When fee payment came around...no loan check. No problem. These things happen, right? So I waited.

Several weeks went by, so I went to the financial aid office to see what the hold up was. I was told they did not have a copy of my SAR (the pink sheets), so they gave me the FAFSA 800 number to request a duplicate copy. When I called, FAFSA said, "According to our records, the school has had that information since August 16th."

So, I called the financial aid office again to hear, "Oh...here it is." Then they told me it needed to be processed and I should have everything within three weeks. So I waited.

Weeks passed, and I went to visit my little financial aid friends once again. This time they tell me that I haven't even applied. WHAT!

I then talked to the lady in charge. She told me they have all of my information, but it is not in their computer system. It must be put into their computer system before they can process it. So, I was told, "Call back next week."

So, here I am with no money. I am at risk of being thrown out of my house because I can't cover rent, and I am constantly bumming food from all of my friends. If financial aid doesn't get its act together soon, you will probably see me living in a van down by the river.

The *good*, the **bad**, and the ***ugly***

with Josh Beavers

Louisiana officials have begun to implement a new community college system throughout the state. The plan will place a community college in virtually every parish, 54 in all.

This is not only detrimental to the state's four-year universities but also the entire Louisiana educational system. State officials claim the new plan will save Louisiana millions because it will be much cheaper to educate students at two-year schools rather than the full four years. While this is true, one pro does not outweigh the plan's many cons.

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Fifty-four new institutions of higher learning will virtually destroy the four-year school. Enrollment at these schools has and will continue to decrease. The plan is just being implemented and enrollment across the state is already down a noticeable amount. While schools such as Northwestern State and Louisiana Tech have increased their enrollment, Louisiana-Monroe and Grambling have seen sizeable decreases just this fall.

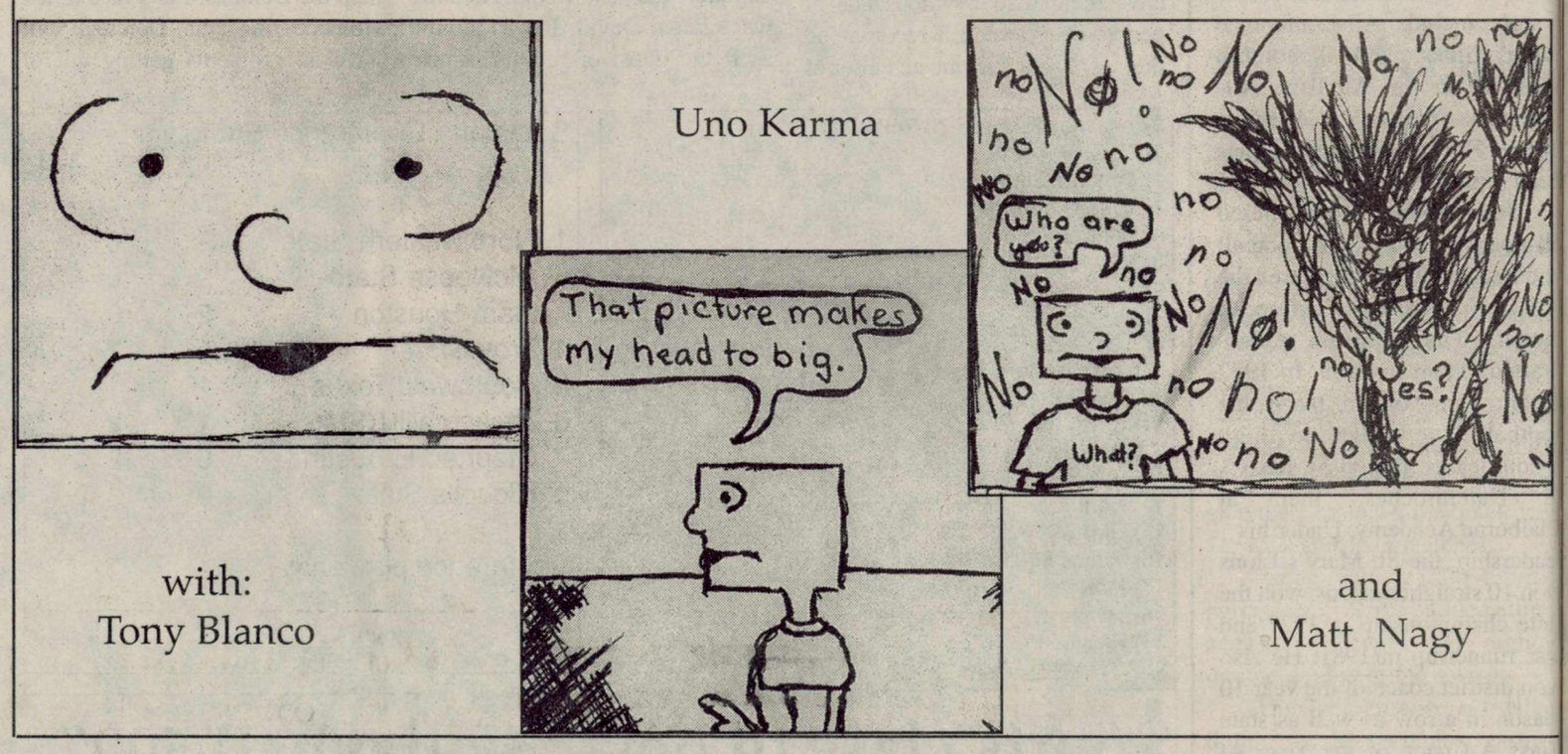
The students who go this route are being stolen away from four-year degrees. Some students who enroll in these two-year schools will continue for a four-year degree, but how many? Will the temptation to go on out into the work force be too much?

This brings up another problem. What will become of the state if the leading system of higher education is community college? Not to impugn those with two-year degrees, but how will the state ever grow and prosper with an even more subpar educational system?

The new system will be subpar. Teacher quality will diminish simply due to sheer numbers. Teaching requirements will be lessened to feed the high demand.

Also, what are the odds of teachers receiving pay raises with several thousand more demanding the same thing? Where will this money come from? Not from the money the state is going to save from this plan- That money will be used to construct new facilities for the schools. Millions will be spent to build new classrooms for these schools.

This plan has too many negative aspects and not enough positive ones. There is no need to add so many new schools. There is barely enough money to support the current educational system; there is no need to potentially ruin the future of the state to save a scant amount of money.



"...to speak frankly and candidly..."

From SGA President W. David Gunn

Confusion on mid-term grades = bad planning, bargain for the University

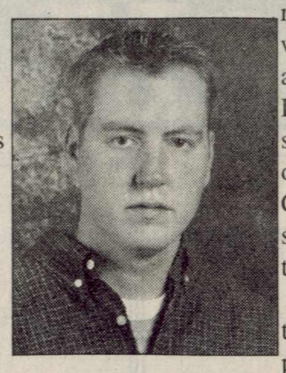
Author's Note: In the oath that I took upon being sworn in as the official voice and advocate of the students of NSU, I promised to , among other things "...speak frankly and candidly in representing student interest..." This and possible future editorials are not meant to single out, offend or personally embarrass University administrators or officials. If they do, let me apologize beforehand. I have made a concentrated effort to maintain a positive relationship with University officials, as I am of the belief that progress is made through cooperation. My only intention with this and perhaps future editorials is to raise student interest, awareness and involvement in affairs that directly affect we, the students. My only other apology is that I am prone to very long and grammatically incorrect sentences.

This week, the Student Government Association office has been deluged with a large number of students wondering where to pick-up their mid-term grades. In past years, the office of the registrar handed out mid-term grades in the student union for two days at the midway point of the semester.

This year, the registrar's office and other University administrators decided to abandon the practice of distributing printouts of grades, and instead, they will eventually (in this week's edition of the Current Sauce) inform the students that grades can be found at the commercial web-site **www.getgrades.com.** You also have the option of calling a telephone number 1-800-936-6418 to receive your grades over the phone.

The registrar's office intends to mail out flyers explaining the new system, but as of this writing (10/17/00, one week from the day grades will be available for access), I was told the flyers have not been sent. Furthermore, nobody in the office of the registrar knew when they would be sent because the flyers are still being printed. When the flyers are mailed, they will arrive at the permanent address of the student.

The reasoning behind the move to the new system is a saving of about $8,000 when compared to the cost of the old method of grade distribution. Whether this new system is more beneficial to the students remains to be seen, it may or may not. Visiting the getgrades.com web-site, one will find that some colleges and universities already use the system, some of which are prominent institutions of higher learning.



My main concern lies in the timing of informing the students, and the confusion that this will and has already caused.

Second, the fact that I, nor any other student had any knowledge, input or influence in a decision that is going to have a large impact on us directly is troublesome.

Finally, when I visit the getgrades.com web-site the disclaimer that I see reads, "Security Notice: You are not on the secured web server" meaning there is a possibility that the information that you transmit, name and social security number, may be viewed.

Although I have been assured that social security numbers and names will not be given to vendors upon checking your grades, many will be confused due to a lack of explanation and are usually very distrustful of passing such private information over the web or telephone.

I first learned of this new system in a meeting last week with the registrar, to address some changes the SGA will be proposing to the university calendar. Near the end of the meeting, I was made aware, for the first time, of the new system.

I learned that during this past summer, the decision to change to the new system was made. I think it is important for students to be represented in matters where they are directly affected. We were not. I often hear cynical and sarcastic references to our school motto. Closed door decisions such as this add merit to that cynicism.

I'm certain that this system has positives, one that I can point out is that your grades can be accessed via phone or the web-site twenty four hours a day for the period of October 24, through November 3. That's five more days to access your grades than through the old system. However, there are a couple of questions that are sure to be asked.

Why are the flyers still being printed a week before grades become available? Wouldn't this transition be much smoother if students had found out well ahead of time?

Why weren't freshman orientation teachers made aware so they could tell their classes about the new system rather than unknowingly and wrongly informing their classes to go pick up mid-term grades?

Why am I afraid to use the getgrades.com system because of an ominous disclaimer warning that my name and social security number may be viewed by "others" despite assurances from the registrar that this isn't possible?

Why are we using a commercial enterprise in the first place when our University employs a web database development specialist (hired with student tech fee money) who can probably write programs that will allow us to get our mid-term grades online at the ad-banner free official university web-site?

I am asking these questions for three reasons.

1) It's my job.

2) $8,000 is apparently a significant amount of money at a University in our financial situation.

3) I wasn't invited to a meeting where I may have helped prevent these questions from having to be asked in the first place.

I'm not one who believes in complaints and criticism without a solution to a problem, so if anyone has any further questions about the changes in the way grades are received, please come by the SGA office in room 222 of the Student Union where a representative will explain the system in more detail. We are also going to make copies of the one flier that we obtained last week to try and alleviate any confusion that may occur and attempt to offset a potentially confusing situation.

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More than presidency to be decided Tuesday

By Josh Beavers
Editor

The next president of the United States is not the only decision that will be made Tuesday, as there are several key Louisiana state amendments on the voting ballot.

A poll conducted for several Louisiana newspapers indicates that voters are confused about an array of constitutional amendments drafted by the state legislature last session in hopes of putting Louisiana's financial house in order.

Voters support Amendment No. 3, which would eliminate sales taxes on food and utilities. However, that amendment's passage is tied to Amendment No. 2, which would raise personal income taxes, and according to the poll, is not popular with voters. Both must pass to assure the sales taxes lost are offset by the income taxes gained.

Both the amendments are part of an effort by the governor's office to increase salaries of the state's teachers.

Increasing teacher pay has been one of the main sticking points of Governor Foster during his time in Baton Rouge, but many argue that this is not the way to do it.

Opponents of the amendments argue a loophole exists that would enable future legislators to funnel the funds to areas other than education.

Opponents also argue the two amendment package is not a true tax reform and there are enough dollars for education if they are spent correctly.

"They don't know what they're talking about," Foster said. "We are near or at the bottom in education. Where else are we going to get money for education?"

For a closer look at the amendments and an in depth look at each presidential candidate turn to the Current Sauce Decision 2000 section on pages 6-7.



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On call with the Five-O

Dealing with emergency calls, wrecks and administering speeding tickets, are all part of the job for University police.

Donna Motter, secretary for the University police, said that the officers have 12 hour shifts everyday. The first one is from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the other shift is from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

The shift supervisor meets with the officers to inform them of what's going on around campus and what they need to be aware of at the university. Officers are responsible for two sides of the campus. The east side goes from Caspari Street to the coliseum by the lake and the west side goes from Caspari Street to the main highway.

"When we receive calls, we decide who will go based on what side of campus the situation is on," Motter said. "If it's a wreck, we usually try to send two officers, and if it's bad enough, we send for a wrecker or an ambulance."

Motter said that in medical emergencies, sometimes the police are called first. If someone calls the police with a medical emergency, one officer gets the infirmary nurse, and another goes to the scene. Motter said that the university police don't just "police" students. They are there for all different reasons.

"A lot of kids come in just to talk to the officers about what's going on in their lives," Motter said. "It's a one-on-one relationship. We also get kids from the child development center that come in to look around and see how the police station works."

University students also have a role in the University police department. Some students that are criminal justice majors are trained as officers. There are two student officers on shifts at night and on the weekends as well as one officer per weekday. There are also night walkers. These walkers go into the buildings, see who is left and lock it up for the night. The walkers also help students go from building to building when needed. Katharine Tilley was a night walker for a time.

Tilley, a sociology and political science major is now a secretary for Detective Doug Prescott. She has worked in the University police station since August 1996.

"I like the people that I work with and have made a lot of new friends here," Tilley said.

She also was a dispatcher. She has been around police stations all her life, since her brother is the captain of the Sulfur police station.

Sergeant Sonnia Steele has been a police officer since 1984. Her dedication to the University police has earned her two officer of the year awards in 1987 and 1992. Steele said that being a police officer has been a very rewarding experience for her. However, she was not always a police officer.

"I was working as a cleaning person in the Fine Arts building when the assistant chief at the time approached me with a job," Steele said. "I was a single mother at the time and did not want to be away from my children. I immediately said no. I also asked him why did he want me to do this. He said that the chief had seen me around and thought that I would be good for the job. But I thought about it. I knew it would be more money for my kids. My son, who was 12 at the time,

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STORY BY HEATHER PATTON, PHOTO BY COURTNEY PAYNE

Candidates' campaigns heat up during home stretch to election

By Randall S. Frederick
Sauce Reporter

This coming Tuesday, voters across the country will be called to arms and asked to participate in the first election of the century.

The candidates have been heating up in their campaigns, trying to sway the voters still left undecided after the debates.

The most obvious appearance of the two main candidates, Bush and Gore, was on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" Monday and Tuesday, Gore following the night after Bush.

Bush has been taking a decidedly easier approach recently. After losing the 1996 Elections, Republican candidate Bob Dole did several commercials and TV appearances, showing America that the rigid personality he had during the elections was who he was.

He was, in fact, a light hearted individual who was not afraid to poke fun at his self. Bush has been trying to copy this action during the campaign instead of waiting, convincing voters he's a funny individual. On "The Tonight Show" he participated in several jokes set up by Leno, particularly his mispronunciation of the word "flammable".

Gore has also been trying to show America there is more to him than the rigid caricature the media has painted of him. Although his humor is not as convincing, he makes up for it in his firm politicking. In an interview in the June edition of "Vogue", he said he didn't care if people were convinced by his humor of public display of affections towards his wife, because he knew he was.

Gore's self-assuredness has proved to be a vital part of his campaign, opposed to Bush's instigation of talks, then backing out of them. In the second debate, Bush attacked Gore's planned use of the economy. When Gore challenged, Bush tried to disregard and change the topic by saying "That's fuzzy math".

Bush has just come off his "Barnstorm for Reform" campaign last week, which was a three day, twenty-five state tour of the country along with twenty-eight other Republican Governors. His brother, Gov. Jeb Bush of Florida joined him. On Halloween, the day after his appearance on 'The Tonight Show", he visited to San Jose, California. Afterwards, he flew to Portland, Oregon and ended the day in Seattle, Washington.

The following morning, he traveled to Minneapolis and Duluth, Minnesota, two key cities in the election due to their manufacturing and production factories. Cities such as those are considered the "Heart of America" due to their blue collar workers and family-oriented living.

Both before and after his appearance on "The Tonight Show", Gore shook hands and talked to people in Los Angeles before flying into the Bush family's "leg room" of Florida, much to the chagrin of Gov. Jeb Bush.

By stopping in such eclectic and culturally diverse cities as Kissimmee and Tampa this week, Gore took votes from the Bush family in a state considered be a hot spot for the Democratic Party. Florida is rivaled only by California and New York in it's Democratic influence.

Internet registration to start next week

Early registration for spring 2001 classes is set to start next week over the internet.

Registration will begin on November 8 and run until December 15.

Students can register Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Students may advance register, drop, and add any time after their scheduled time through December 15, 2000.

The registration schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, November 8, 2000
Graduate Students
Seniors (92+ earned hours)

Thursday, November 9, 2000
Juniors (60-91 earned hours)

Friday, November 10, 2000
Sophomores (30-59 earned hours)

Freshmen (0-29 earned hours), who want to register in advance, must report to their academic advisor on November 13, 2000 through November 17, 2000 to register. The times to register are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This also applies to anyone who did not register in advance.

Construction projects to be completed before start of spring

By Windy S. La'Borde
Sauce Reporter

The construction that has been going on in Freidman Student Union and Roy Hall should be completed by the beginning of the spring semester according to University officials.

Construction in the Freidman Student Union has been going on to install a new elevator system. The goal of the project is to make the building more handicap accessible.

According to Loran Lindsay, director of the physical plant, the building is not able to support a full three-story elevator system. To remedy this, a stair lift will be installed at the beginning of Dec. when classes are not in session. The stair lift will go from the first to second floor. An elevator will then be installed to go to the third floor.

This elevator will take some burden off of the administration located on the third floor as well. The staff for the student services offered on the third floor will no longer have to meet a disabled student on the second floor in order to speak with them about a certain choice or decision.

The addition of an elevator in the Student Union will also allow for easier access to the student services offices located on the third floor.

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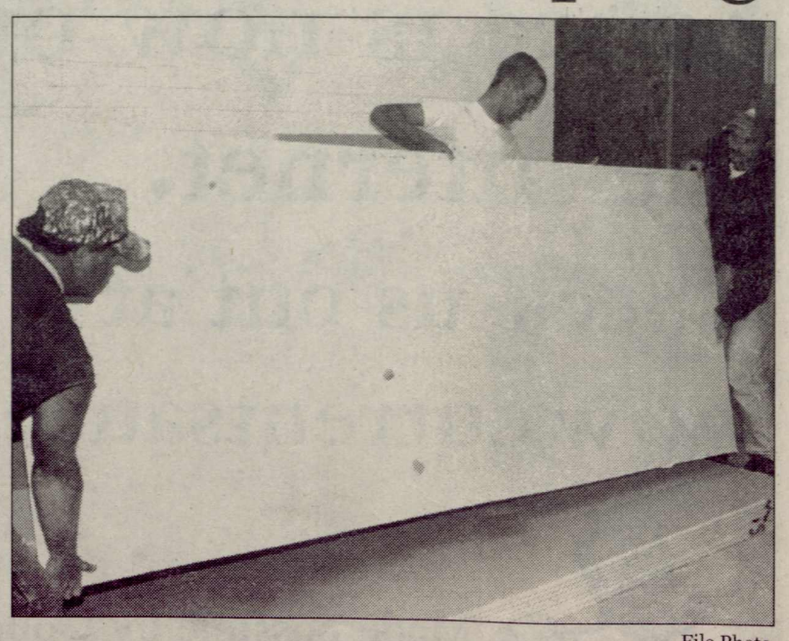
Steve Hicks
Director of Student Disability Services

"The completion of this project will be an asset to the Northwestern State University community," Director of Student Disability Services Steve Hicks said.

The construction in Roy Hall has been to remove asbestos from the ceiling tiles and to install a new telephone system. The asbestos filled ceiling tiles are being removed, and the new telephone system should provide better accessibility when calling in and out of campus or accessing the Internet through NSU. A new asbestos free ceiling will be installed after the installation of the new telephone lines.

Lindsay said an elevator system for Roy Hall is also in the approval stages.

All of the construction should be completed by the beginning of spring semester.



File Photo
Campus construction projects like this one to install an elevator in the Union should be completed by the start of the spring semester.

University students get help finding jobs

Businesses have a new way to help them find reliable part-time workers quickly. Northwestern State University's Job Location and Development Office is available to help match up businesses with qualified part-time workers.

The Job Location and Development Office will host a luncheon Wednesday, Nov. 8 to explain how it can assist businesses. The luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the President's Room of the Friedman Student Union on NSU's Natchitoches campus. There is no cost to attend the luncheon. Shuttle services from the Turpin Stadium parking lot to the Student Union will be provided.

Speakers for the luncheon will be Jason Cardwell from the Natchitoches Social Security Administration Office and Inches-A-Weigh owner, Corkey Bruce. Both will explain how the Job Location and Development Office has assisted them.

During the luncheon, local businessmen and Job Location and Development Office staff will discuss the free resources available to help businesses meet staffing goals, and to familiarize prospective employers with the skills and talent NSU students can bring to the working environment.

Two students, Ryan Brinkman of Alexandria and Tabitha Tatum of Converse, will make presentations to inform prospective employers what they have to offer. Participants can also talk with other employers who have used the services and can learn the advantages of the program.

The Job Location and Development Office assists businesses and Northwestern students at no cost. The office was formed as a one-stop operation to match up students who need part-time employment with businesses who are looking for help.

In its second year of operation, more than 150 students were employed in Natchitoches or surrounding communities by registering with the office or through contacts made with businesses. These students collectively earned more than $421,000 to assist them with college expenses. Over 100 area businesses used Job Location services last fiscal year.

Students work with a counselor to put together a resume, assess their abilities and work on their interview skills. Job Location Services completes personal and previous employment reference checks on students. Businesses can list openings and receive resumes at no cost.

Businesses including Albertson's Supermarket, People's State Bank, Kentucky Fried Chicken (Osmar Corporation), Magee's Patio Cafe, Stine's Lumber and Burgerbee's used the office to hire a large portion of their staff or to staff critical operations.

To make reservations for the luncheon, contact the Job Location and Development Office at (318) 357-5621.

University helps with conservation

Manufacturers should be able to save thousands of dollars in energy costs by implementing conservation measures recommended by a team from Northwestern State University.

Through the Energy Conservation Program, faculty and student employees in the university's Department of Industrial and Engineering Technology teamed with several industries throughout the region to reduce costs - which will enable the manufacturers to be more competitive.

The program was made possible by funding from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Energy.

"The implementation of energy audit recommendations is fast becoming the way to decrease production costs while helping trim the excess off environmental pollution," said Lisa Hokky, project director. "Small to medium-sized manufacturers, because of their limited resources, are not likely to have an energy manager on staff or an energy conservation policy/program in place geared toward reducing energy costs."

During the 15-month project, energy audits were performed at several industries throughout central and northwest Louisiana. The recommendations that came as a result of those audits could be beneficial to just about any industry within the state and beyond, Hokky said.

"Each recommendation has been shown repeatedly to be cost-effective, and by initiating a basic action plan, energy cost savings in the range of 5 to 15 percent are easily obtained in a matter of two years with little investment," Hokky said.

For more information on the energy conserving tips, contact Hokky at (318) 357-4454 or visit the Web site at www.nsula.edu/IET/ecrp.html.

Donation to improve psychology department

Some of the latest training tools will now be available to graduate students in psychology at Northwestern State University due to a donation to the NSU Foundation.

The Foundation has received a donation from Mental Health Resources to provide Northwestern's Department of Psychology with some of the latest software and equipment needed to train students.

Mental Health Resources is a full-service mental health clinic that provides both in-patient and out patient psychiatric treatment and therapy. Mental Health Resources provides services to people of all ages but has programs which specialize in working with emotionally disturbed children and adolescents and their families. MHR has clinics in Lafayette, New Iberia, Alexandria and Natchitoches.

"We see our relationship with Northwestern as a win-win situation for our organization and the students," said Ron Ray, chief executive officer of Mental Health Resources. "We gain access to the best and brightest students in this region and our growing organization can possibly provide employment to some graduates. These are bright, motivated students who will get experience they could not get easily elsewhere."

According to Patrice Moulton, head of the Department of Psychology at NSU, Mental Health Resources' contribution is an important step in the development of the university's program.

"This donation allows us to have graduate training materials we would not be able to have otherwise," said Moulton. "We are very fortunate to have Dr. Ray provide Mental Health Resources as a practicum site for our students and support our department by providing resources for graduate training."

Second-year graduate students in psychology recently began doing practicum work at Mental Health Resources. Practicum courses in psychology are taught in tandem with lecture and seminar courses and give students real-life experience to go with classroom training

Ray said it is advantageous for his organization and other similar organizations to have a respected graduate program in their area.

"It is beneficial for us to be able to find candidates for jobs without going outside the region or the state," he said. "I feel confident about being able to find quality graduates here.

In addition to providing software, the donation will also be used to furnish an observation room used by students. Funding to renovate the observation room was provided by a grant from the Board of Regents Support Fund.

Campus Connections

NSU CLUB SOCCER

The NSU Club Soccer team is looking for new members. Informational meetings are held behind Watson Library. Everyone is welcome. Any questions, call Cesar Isgitt, at 354-6483.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

The SGA would like to tell all students about a few of the programs they are undertaking this school year. Don't forget to pick up your free scantrons, every Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 222 of the Student Union. You will need a student I.D. to take advantage. Also, check out the Book Swap Board while you are there and see if someone has a book you need at a cheaper rate.

WATSON LIBRARY

The staff of Watson Library would like the students of NSU to know about a new service that could help them in their educational growth. For more information, check with the circulation department.

WESLEY WESTMINSTER FOUNDATION

Students can have lunch at the Wesley Westminister Foundation (between Magee's and The Ink Spot) on Tuesday from 11:30 until 1:00. The first visit is free and $1 each time thereafter. Worship services are held from 6:30-7:30 pm each Wednesday.

COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

College Democrats would like inform students of their informational meetings every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union.

STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE

Meetings are held every Wednesday at noon in room 224 of Russell Hall. All majors welcome.

CLUB GAIA

NSU's environmental issues and awareness organization, would like to announce Well Woods Cleanup this Saturday. Meet in front of Morrison Hall at 9:45 a.m. Also, weekly meetings are Mondays at 8 p.m. in Boozman Dorm. All interested are invited to attend.

SENATE POSITIONS

The SGA has three Senator at Large and two Senior Class Senator positions open. Applications can be picked up in room 222 of the student union and returned to the same room when completed. For more information call 357-4501.

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Meetings are Monday at 3 p.m. in the Archeology lab, Kyser Hall room 212.

TENNIS ANYONE???

The tennis court lights will be turned on every Tuesday and Thursday night until 10 p.m. for those students wishing to play tennis.

SIGMA SIGMA SIGMA

Thank you to all of you who participated in homecoming week. Everyone looked great on the float, the hard work paid off. Remember about the all sorority retreat Saturday night and the alumni picnic on Sunday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Remember the muffins--Sigma's keep on dancing!

CATHOLIC STUDENT ORGANIZATION

The CSO would like to invite all students to join the CSO for fun, fellowship, and a free meal every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church (located on Second Street). You do not have to be Catholic to join in on the fun; every student is welcome. There is also a student mass held every Sunday at 9:30 p.m. Hope to see you there!

AFRICAN AMERICAN CAUCUS

The AAC will start accepting food and monetary donations for their 1st Annual Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway starting October 31st through November 10th. Donation boxes will be available in all dormitories and departmental offices. For more information please contact Meilana Charles at 354-2528 or Briony Williams at 357-5932.

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didn't want me to do it, but I helped him understand that it would be a good thing. I also prayed about it. Once I knew my mom could help take care of my kids for when I went into the academy, then I decided I could do it."

Steele said that the usual things that she runs into are loud music, possible drugs in the dorms, and spats between girlfriends and boyfriends. Steele said that one time she had to inform a student that their parent had died. She also almost had to deliver a baby another time. Steele said that her toughest time was when she first left the academy.

"It was my first shift working nights and we found a body near Chaplin Lake," Steele said. "She was pregnant, and it gave me second thoughts at first of being an officer. That situation was hard for me because I am a mother myself."

When Steele trained for the academy, she had to deal with different shooting scenarios, classwork and mock scenes set up for crime scene investigations. Steele said that now there are different things done for trainees and those that are not familiar with new protocol must train in those areas as well.

"We had to do different training with the nightstick and now you have to be trained with mace," Steele said. "We're also updated on the criminal code each year, and there's a judge that comes in to teach that."

Steele said that understanding students is very helpful when dealing with situations like giving speeding tickets. Steele said that it's good for officers to keep a level attitude because some students may be going through difficult times.

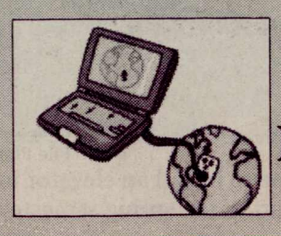
"I pulled over this one student and she was very upset," Steele said. "She was having some personal problems and I just talked to her for a few minutes to calm her down. Later, she came back and thanked me."

Steele said she has no regrets about her job, except working nights and weekends.

"Some students come back and say 'you're still here?'," Steele said. "If I can help anybody, I've done everything I can do in a day. I would hope someone would be there for my kids in the same way.

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Louisiana-Monroe to raise admissions next fall

It will take better grades to get into the University of Louisiana at Monroe in the fall of 2001.

Most of Louisiana's public colleges are moving toward higher admission standards to attract better-prepared students and divert less-prepared ones to the state's community colleges. The University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors raised ULM's standards Friday.

``By raising admissions criteria and expectations, our universities are attracting better-prepared students who are more likely to succeed in their studies and graduate,'' University of Louisiana System President Bobby Jindal said.

The university, with an enrollment of 9,400 students, has been thinking about upgrading admission standards for years.

Under the new standards, ULM students will have to meet one of several standards before being admitted:

_ Score 22 or higher on an ACT exam or at least 1030 on an SAT exam.

_ Graduate from high school with a grade point average of 2.0 or higher.

_ Rank in the top 50 percent of their high school graduating class.

Louisiana Tech and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, both part of the U of L system, implemented admissions policies in 1992 and 1999 respectively. Both universities have reported higher graduation and retention rates since raising admission standards.

Grambling State University is the only college in the system to keep an open admission policy in keeping with a college desegregation settlement.

Other system schools: McNeese State, Nicholls State, Northwestern State and Southeastern Louisiana University are adopting policies this fall or at the start of the 2001 school year.

In 1994, the Board of Regents advised ULM to adopt admissions standards once a community college was established in the Monroe area to serve those students unable to meet admission requirements.

ULM President Lawson Swearingen said Delta Community College is expected to be open by the fall of 2001. If the community college is delayed, the university may establish a general college that would teach students who fail the admission standards, the president said.

Many students attend two-year colleges because they cannot meet the admission requirements for the system's eight universities. Students can transfer into four-year colleges once they are able to meet the higher standards.

As standards rise at the university level, high school students are reacting by taking more core classes to win the state's TOPS scholarships, which pay for a student's higher education, officials say.

SGA Senate Minutes for 10/30/2000

Roll call

Present:
Stacie Cosby
Craig Coutee
Jessica Cramer
Kimberly Dickerson
Dustin Floyd
Jack Givens
Will Hooper
Elizabeth Hughes
Shaun Jackson
Dustin Matthews
Nola McGuire
Paul Monteleone
Joni Naquin
Justin Owen
Casey Ponder
Shelly Smith
Frank Toro
Glenn Ward
Brian Wilkinson
Rusty Broussard
David Gunn
John-Michael McConnell

Absent:
Leanna Anderson
Ja'Juan Allen
Amanda Barrios
Joe Arnette
Chante Bellard
Ben Nihart
Wayne Bush
Vanessa Byrd-excused
Jonathan Chance
Andrew Davies-excused
Matthew Comeaux
Jeremiah Newsom-excused

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

The prayer was led by Niko. The pledge was led by Stacie Cosby.

Rusty Broussard dispensed reading of the minutes.

Executive Reports:

Treasurer- John-Michael McConnell

Vice-President- Rusty Broussard
-Ben Nihart and Joe Arnette are on administrative evaluation.

President- David Gunn
-Cabinet meeting tomorrow at 4pm. I got some ideas from the Student Advisory Council meeting on Friday that I will be sharing.
-I contacted members of the student trust fund council. I will be appointing two SGA representatives this week. I hope that the trust fund council can meet in early November.
-Wednesday at 4 I need Amanda to come with me to a meeting with Dr. Burns and Mrs. Bell
-Any questions or comments?
Department/Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs- Amanda Barrios:
-The bookswap board will be moved in front of Vic's.
-Thanksgiving baking class on Nov 7 from 3-6pm.
-Scantron Giveaway went well today.
-Meetings Wed at 5pm.

External Affairs- Amanda Barrios
-T-shirts are confirmed.
-Congrats to Casey Ponder for senator of the month
-Meet Your Senator Day is Thursday from 10-5pm.
-Stay on campus- we need DJs
-SGA radio show tomorrow from 9am-12pm.

Club Sports- Matthew Comeaux:
-met last week and made flyers
-made a survey at IM building

Organizational Grants- no report

Internal Affairs- Jessica Cramer:
-still working on the constitution
-finish by-laws

Election Board- Joni Naquin:
-meeting Thursday at 5pm.

Student Affairs- Justin Owen
-met with Mr. Lindsey about phone line problem (new phone switch will be installed during Christmas)
-lights are in the process of being put up around campus.
-SGA Update Day- around noon once a month

IM- Casey Ponder - still hasn't heard from Luke yet.

Class Council- Dustin Floyd- meetings Wed. at 5pm

SAB Non-voting representative- Will Hooper - canned food drive Nov 6-11
Coffee House tonight at 8pm.

STAT- Rusty Broussard- Dennis is no longer working for SGA.

Supreme Court- Niko- grievance file from AAC to organizational grant committee
Advisor- Mr. Henry
-must have 2.0 GPA to stay on SGA
-need to start working on COSBP

New Business:
Shaun Jackson is planning a dorm walk.

Old Business:
Discussion of intended removal of Ja'Juan Allen

The motion failed 8-15-2.

Announcements:
Jack Givens- AITP is holding a raffle for a computer.

Mr. Henry- Gavel Club Meeting is Thursday at 6pm.

Niko- Bryan Snyder needs to be contacted.

Jessica Cramer needs to meet with Casey Ponder and Glen Ward.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

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Interviews will be Nov. 13 at noon

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Coffee House
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Service Learning

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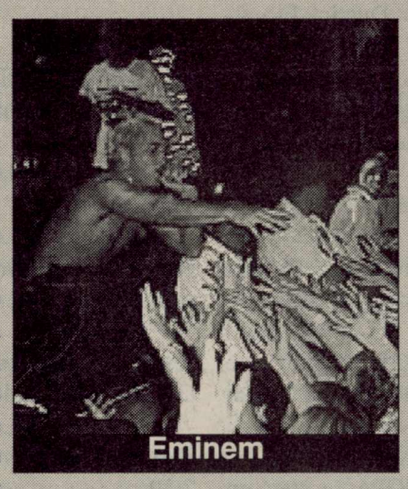
LIFE

The VIEW from the Front Row

By Larry Collins
Life Editor

That Voodoo that they do so well

For months I've been anticipating my journey to the Big Easy to take part in the annual Voodoo Music Festival. From the moment that I found out this summer that Eminem was coming to my home state I knew that I was going to have to make preparations to see him live in concert. After doing a little more research I knew that this was a concert that could not be missed. Not only was The Shady One making a rare stop in the South, but he would be joined by musical giants such as Stone Temple Pilots, The Counting Crows, Cypress Hill and Live.


Eminem

Eminem did not disappoint his many fans that traveled to see him take to the stage and spew his high-energy brand of musical espionage. He took to the stage and took no prisoners as he went through his wish list of people that he wanted to "piss off."

The only complaint that I can honestly register is the fact that the show started about 30 minutes late. He was the only act of the night that did not start their set on time. As a matter of fact some artists were even early in taking to the stage.

Eminem's show was definitely worth the wait. He really has a knack for working the crowd. For a person whose self-proclaimed goal is to "piss the world off" he sure has a great number of people that enjoying being in his presence. I'm glad that there are some people in the world that understand that he is a creative artist and he is in the business of entertaining and not being anyone's role model. He says things that are entertaining, he never asked to be a social columnist.

Numerous people in my company who previously had a deep rooted hatred for Eminem waked away as appreciators of his musical style and creativity.

As much as I would love to praise Eminem even more, I guess that I should give credit to a band the truly stole the show.

Across the lake on another stage another classic and talented band walked away as the crowned princes of the Voodoo Music Festival. Live were the jewels of this ensemble collection of musical artists. They were proof that quality music and vocal stylings are timeless. They performed numbers that were released years ago, but still found a way to cast a spell or weave some Voodoo of their own to capture the audience in vocal perfection and lyrical mastery.

The Current Sauce Top 25

1.	*That's the Beat of the Heart*	**Warren Bros. feat. Sara Evans*
2.	Independent Woman	*Destiny's Child*
3.	Oooh Child	*Cyndi Lauper and Destiny's Child*
4.	Minority	*Green Day*
5.	Stan	*Eminem*
6.	Black Jesus	*Everlast*
7.	Rock DJ	*Robbie Williams*
8.	You're a god	*Vertical Horizon*
9.	This I Promise You	*'N Sync*
10.	I Need You	*Leanne Rimes*
11.	Rollin'	*Limp Bizkit*
12.	E.I	*Nelly*
13.	Pinch Me	*Barenaked Ladies*
14.	Incomplete	*Sisqo*
15.	Come On Over	*Christina Aguilera feat. Fred Durst*
16.	Teenage Dirtbag	*Wheatus*
17.	The Way You Love Me	*Faith Hill*
18.	The Way I Am	*Eminem*
19.	Danger (Been So Long)	*Mystikal*
20.	Last Resort	*Papa Roach*
21.	The First	*Tegan and Sara*
22.	Bounce With Me	*Lil Bow Wow feat. Xscape*
23.	Promise	*Eve 6*
24.	Wonderful	*Everclear*
25.	I Will... But	*SheDaisy*

Choose or Lose

NSU College Democrats prepare for Super Tuesday in an effort to help students make the informed and "right choice"

By Josh Green
LIFE Reporter

Taxes, tuition, and the welfare of college students are just a few of the topics on the ballot this month at the meetings of the College Democrats. With over 50 chartered students organizations at the university, it comes as no surprise that at least one would be analyzing the topics brought by the candidates that are running in next week's presidential election.

Faculty sponsor of the College Democrats, Francis Conine, said that the main goal of this next week is to get students out to vote.

"I feel that college students, like every other American citizen, has a duty to take an active part in our government," Conine continued, "and we strive to help the student understand the political process."

The next few days will be full of activities for the members of the College Democrats. Members, at this point, plan to "get on the phone" and campaign for their candidate.

Members of the group feel that this presidential election holds much at stake for American citizens.

"College students should really get out there and vote next week because they'll be affected by the election," Conine said. "There are a lot of issues that will affect them…from financial aid to tax breaks in the future."



Courtesy of Al Gore Campaign Headquarters

Presidential hopeful Al Gore takes time to visit New Orleans in hope of better society of citizens of Louisiana.

The College Democrats have been on the University's campus for years, but have become very active during this semester. Conine believes that the group will remain active in the community.

"We had voter registration in Sept. and Oct., and we've got more activities here in the community that we can take part in during the future," Conine said. The College Democrats have also met with Louisiana's United States senators and have worked closely at some points with the Natchitoches Democratic Committee.

The university's College Democrats are part of a network of students called "Students for Gore" that strive to provide students information on where to vote and why they should vote for Al Gore.

The chain of students believe that Al Gore is the "right choice." They said he has a long-standing commitment to students and will strive for an affordable and accessible education, clean environment, continuing economic prosperity, and civil rights.

After Tuesday, the group plans to focus on next year's governor's race and to continue to raise debates on any local, regional, or statewide issues.The College Democrats meet Thursdays at 7:30 PM at 221 of the Student Union.

Down the rabbit hole:

Scholar's College offers an in depth discussion on THE MATRIX for it's annual distinguished lecture series

Rob Morgan
LIFE Reporter

A Lafayette psychotherapist presented a Jungian inspired look into the popular 1999 movie The Matrix.

The Louisiana Scholars' College sponsored a lecture entitled, "Tumbling Down the Rabbit Hole? The Matrix: A Vision of the Psyche" by Louis Deshotels. It was held in Morrison Hall on Wednesday from 2:00pm to 4:00pm, and coincided with the Jung philosophy class being taught this semester by Fraser Snowden.

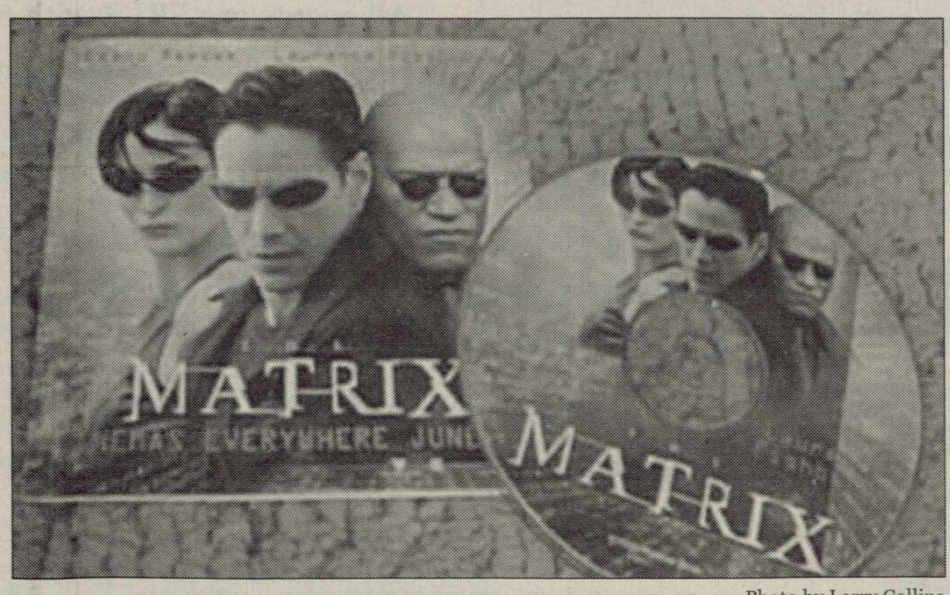


Photo by Larry Collins

University students listened to a lecture about influences in *The Matrix*.

In his lecture Deshotels dealt with The Matrix and the Jungian symbols involved in the story. The Matrix is a story about a group of humans battling the machines that had enslaved them as simple batteries for the past thousand or so years. The story ends with Neo, the 'One', realizing his true power, and beginning a crusade for the freedom of his Duracell civilization. C. G. Jung, on the other hand, is not very familiar with many people.

Carl Jung was a Swiss-German psychoanalyst who was deeply involved in studies of the unconscious and dream interpretation. He was friends with Sigmund Freud, and together these two men brought psychology into the twentieth century.

Using Jung and his own interpretations Deshotels presented many interesting views about The Matrix that have eluded many people. Deshotels explained The Matrix as "taking dream situations and introducing them into real life scenarios."

Inside the Matrix things are possible that would never be conceived in real life situations. For example, the dodging of bullets, or the ability to leap a building in a single bound.

A huge factor throughout the entire movie is fate. This concept affects the lives of everyone involved the story, especially Neo.

"The Matrix explores the question of fate over freewill," said Deshotels, "Neo is a man who wants to believe he has control over his life, but he is not. Neo's life is one without self-control, and can be turned upside-down at anytime, like a dream."

Deshotels described Neo and the other 'good guys' as agnostics, people having a knowledge they cannot explain. He uses this to further support the presence of fate in the characters lives pushing them toward a goal they did not choose nor can stop moving toward.

Other points that Deshotels made about the movie are the various religious aspects involved with the characters and the plot. The Christian parallelism of the character's name Trinity with the Holy Trinity, or the origin of Cifer's name from the last letters of Lucifer. The 'No Spoon' scene brings Buddhism into the religious bouillabaisse, as well.

"A Buddhist outlook upon the world is introvertive. Problems are with you, and you alone, none else comes into play," said Deshotels. This explains the spoon bending because, as the child said, "it is not the spoon bending, it is yourself that is bending."

Another interesting aspect of the movie pointed out by Deshotel is the difference in the 'agents' and the humans. The 'agents' are designed from laws, and humans have freedom and no restrictions allowing them unlimited potential.

"The 'agents' are programmed for success leaving them no room for interpretation," Deshotels said about Neo and Trinity's rescue of Morpheus, "Humans are bound by no laws, and possess the freedom to improvise when a plan does not workout."

Deshotels, like The Matrix, bombarded the audience with a vast amount of information on the movie. The information listed here is just scratching the surface of what he presented for the intellectual enjoyment of all.

"He explained things as a whole picture," said Jessica Hand, junior. "It was a broad view on the movie, and I feel I would need to read some of his work to get a full grasp. As a whole, though, it was very informative and interesting."

Pam Richards, super senior said, "Deshotels was very enlightening, and it is good to see such lecturers of his intellectual magnitude at this school."

Spotlight: First and ten... do it again

Demon football coach Steve Roberts

By Dominique Irvin
LIFE Reporter

He is a leader. He is successful. He describes himself as "positive" and "a hard worker." He is Head Football Coach Steve Roberts. In his first season at NSU, Roberts has led the Demons to a 6-1 record.

Roberts began his stint as head football coach last summer on June 9. Since then, Roberts has been busy. Attending classes, team meetings and practices and going on road trips takes up a lot of his time, but there is more to Roberts than just football.

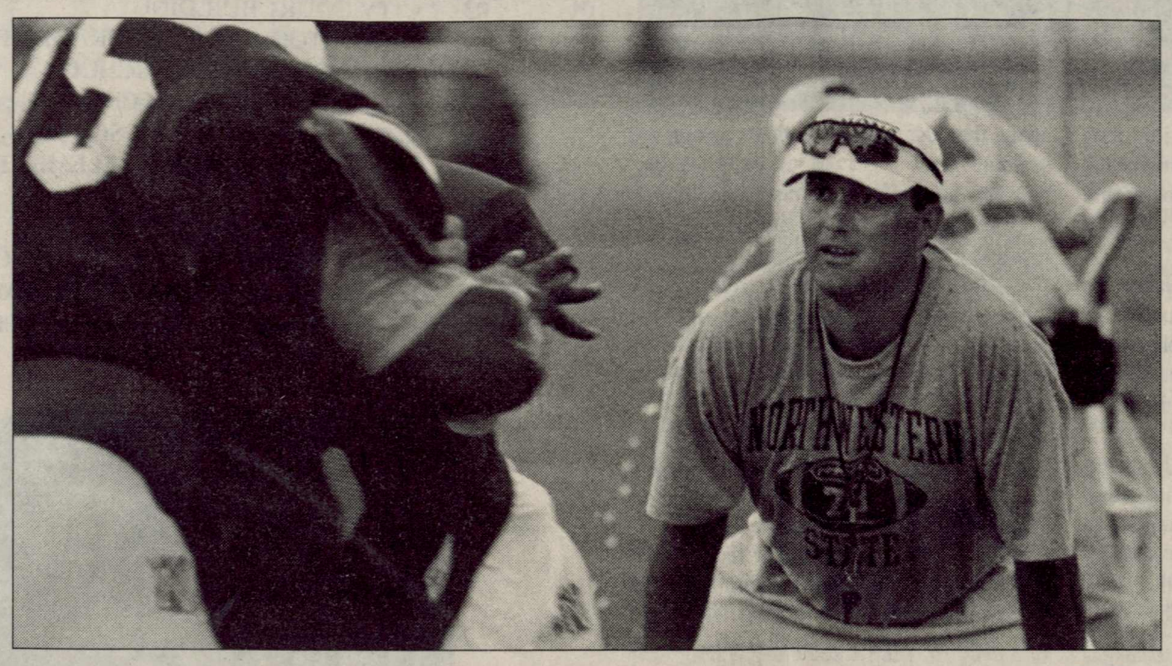
In his spare time, Roberts likes to spend time with his family. He has been with his wife Sherri for 13 years. They have a 5-year-old daughter named Abby.

Even though Roberts "doesn't really set a lot of goals" for himself, being a good husband and father is his highest continuing goal.

"I'm a work in progress," Roberts said.

Roberts is also actively involved with his church. He attends First Baptist Church here in Natchitoches and says his faith is a very important aspect of his life.

He also enjoys watching sports. A football coach watches lots of football, right? Wrong! Roberts does not watch professional football. He does not have the time.



File Photo
Head football coach Steve Roberts watches his players practice in an attempt to bring home another Demon win.

"As a college football coach you pretty much work all day Sunday, all day Monday and Monday nigh,t so you don't get an opportunity to watch any pro football. I do not watch basketball and other outdoor sports like fishing. I watch just about anything where there's some good competition involved," Roberts said.

Roberts knows about competition. He played secondary defensive back and tight end at Ouachita Baptist University. Roberts decided to go into coaching during his junior year in school.

"I felt like coaches had an opportunity to have a tremendous impact on young people's lives and I wanted to have that opportunity" Roberts said.

Roberts was head coach at Southern Arkansas when he heard about an opening at NSU and applied for the job. Even though he had ties with people on the previous coaching staff, Roberts "tried to be [him] self" during the interview. Obviously, it worked. Roberts enjoys his job, but if he were not involved with coaching, Roberts would probably be involved in sales or ministry.

Roberts lives by his faith, his confident attitude and the words "I will." Roberts says he "tries to demonstrate a very positive outlook on life." He also works hard and when Roberts makes a decision to do something, he does it.

"I try to demonstrate that I'm willing to do what it takes to get the job done in all the areas of my life," Roberts said.

Student Government would like your input on your preference for the location of the election polls.

1. Would you like to see the polls in Iberville cafeteria on both days of the election?
   _____ Yes
   _____ No
2. Would you like to see the polls in the Student Union on both days of the election?
   _____ Yes
   _____ No
3. Would you like to see the polls both in the Student Union and in Iberville cafeteria (one on each day)?
   _____ Yes
   _____ No
4. Any other suggestions?

Please return questionnaire to the Student Government Office by Friday, November 3rd.

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Nader knocks Gore, Bush, negative ads

Associated Press

Ralph Nader rallied supporters on the steps of the Wisconsin Capitol on Wednesday, asking them to ignore the pleas of Al Gore's backers to vote for the vice president.

``The real decision-makers in Washington are not the Republican and Democratic parties,'' the Green Party candidate told 1,500 to 2,000 people. ``They're just competing over who's going to go to the White House so they can receive the marching orders from their corporate pay masters.''

But at a news conference inside the Capitol, Nader allowed that in his view, Gore is a bit better than Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush. Nader offered grades of D-minus to Bush and D-plus to Gore.

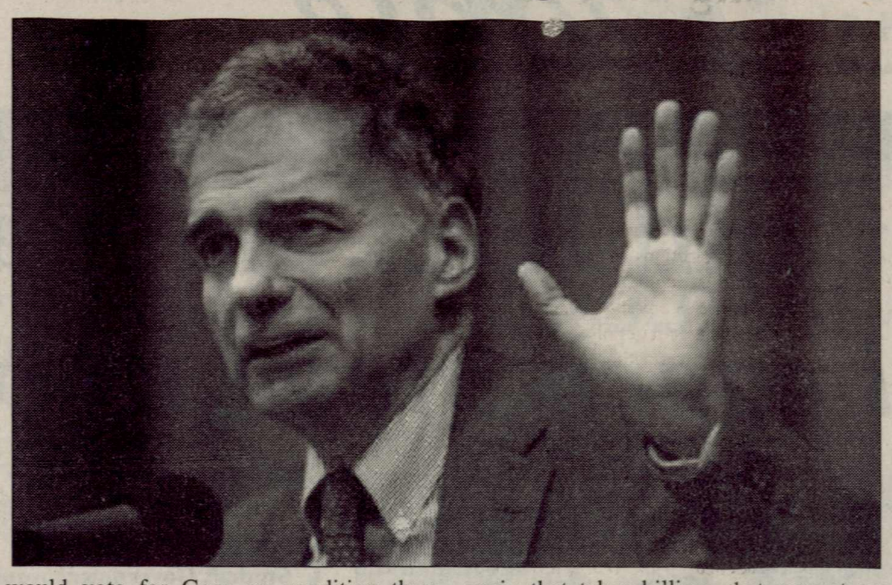
If Gore loses, Nader said, ``it would be clear he beat himself.''

Nader derided Democratic ``dirty tricks'' to undermine his candidacy, saying they were led by ``desperate surrogates of the Gore campaign,'' especially abortion rights groups.

Organizations closely aligned with Nader's liberal views have been appealing to people in closely contested states to vote for Gore instead, fearing a vote for the consumer activist will give victory to Bush on Tuesday.

Recent Wisconsin polls have been at odds over whether Bush or Gore was leading in the state but they've agreed that Nader is drawing the support of about 5 percent. Nader has been getting a little less than that in national polls but his performance in certain swing states could help determine the outcome between Bush and Gore.

Some nervous Nader supporters in battleground states are exploring the concept of vote-swapping, in which they would vote for Gore on condition they could persuade a friend in another state, where the race between the Democrat and Republican is not so close, to vote for Nader.



In theory, that would help Nader get the votes needed for his party to qualify for federal matching money in the next election - 5 percent of the votes nationally - but not deprive Gore of votes in states where he needs them most.

Morel Stackhouse, 49, a Madison therapist at Nader's rally, said she is calling friends in other states to try to arrange such a trade. ``If I don't find someone to swap votes, I'll vote for Nader,'' she said. ``My heart supports Nader. He's the only candidate that's spoken the truth.''

Nader called vote swapping ``imaginative, but it's frivolous and diverting.''

Some of his supporters booed environmentalists who voiced support for Gore before the rally. Teacher Steve Guthrie, 51, whose vote is not up for trade, said: ``I'll never vote for a big candidate again that takes billions that corrupt our system.''

But lawyer Bill Scanlon, who held up a Gore sign, said he considered Nader reckless because he could help Bush win.

``I think George Bush would move the country so far to the right that all of the pleading of Ralph Nader would never become a fact in our lifetime,'' Scanlon said.

In Boston, a federal appeals court rejected Nader's claim that it was illegal to let corporations contribute to the staging of the presidential debates.

Nader had pointed to a federal law that bans donations by corporations ``in connection with'' presidential elections. He argued that corporations were essentially contributing to the Bush and Gore campaigns by showcasing them, and excluding others, in the debates.

But the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Federal Election Commission regulations allowing corporate contributions to the debates fall within the scope of the agency's authority.

Tax changes - NO

'Stelly Plan' involves hidden costs and will hurt chances for effective, wide-ranging fiscal government

By REP. TONY PERKINS

As Napoleon Bonaparte's sister, Alisa, lay dying, someone in the room observed that nothing was as certain as death. "Except taxes," added Alisa, thus making her last words among the most widely quoted in history. Had Alisa Bonaparte taken one more breath she may have finished her last sentence: "At least death doesn't get any worse!"

No one likes taxes, so it's not surprising that supporters of the "Stelly Plan" aren't emphasizing the half-billion dollars in new taxes that families will have to fork over under the Stelly Tax beginning in 2002. Rather, they have focused on the initial impact, the symbolic tax reform, and the token educational component contained in the plan.

Tax reform

What does "tax reform" actually mean? Tax reform generally denotes a restructuring of the tax system that has the effect of broadening the base of taxation (the number of people pulling the wagon) and lowering the overall tax burden, (making it easier for everyone to pull). Legitimate reform efforts are generally "revenue neutral" when initially implemented.

The public is generally aware of and receptive to the fact that tax restructuring is needed. The sales tax is regressive and needs to be replaced with a more growth-oriented tax. Such a move, however, must be a part of an overall fiscal reform plan that includes not only true tax reform, but also spending and institutional reforms, changing the way Louisiana does business. Such a plan cannot be implemented with one piece of legislation, or even in one legislative session. There must be a clear plan, and currently no such plan exists.

The Legislature has just begun the process of developing a clear plan by reviewing state spending and the state's tax structure. It will be next year before the review is completed.

Impact on families

This push for more taxes comes at a time when Louisiana's families are struggling. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the median income for Louisiana households dropped by nearly $1,000 in 1999.

Ironically, while Louisiana's families rank at the bottom in spending power, U.S. Census figures show Louisiana's government ranks third in the South in per capita spending! The Stelly Tax will further push the spending power of families down while pushing government spending up.

Impact on business

The Stelly Tax is not only harmful to Louisiana families, it poses a danger to business as well. At first glance the estimated tax cut of $196 million to business by eliminating the sales tax on utilities (business pays about 45 percent of the 4-cent sales tax) looks attractive. In fact, a few have taken the bait. Here's the catch: Since all growth experienced by the Stelly Tax is dedicated (dedicated revenue is identified by many tax studies as part of our fiscal problem), the Legislature will be forced to look elsewhere to cover the growth in general government. Since the Stelly Tax will hike taxes on families and reduce taxes on business, guess who is going to get taxed next?

Since the petrochemical industry benefits most from the tax break, there is justified concern that the Stelly Tax will renew the momentum for a processing tax or, possibly, a single business tax, either of which will negatively impact business and ultimately the state's economy.

Also hidden within the Stelly bill is a provision that deletes language in the state constitution granting corporations a deduction for federal taxes on their state corporate income tax returns. The deleted language does not automatically raise corporate taxes. It just gives the Legislature the ability to do so. Such a hike would cost corporations about $100 million a year.

Impact upon education

Based upon a promise to fund public education, the Louisiana Lottery Company was authorized and granted a 25-year charter in 1868. A century later, the Louisiana Lottery was again created with the promise to fund education. The "Stelly Tax" is just another attempt to use the public's concern over education to pass something that can't stand on its own.

Just as before, there is no guarantee that the money will get to the classroom. To get this huge tax passed, proponents loaded the wagon with all school personnel — non-teachers included.

If the children in the classroom are really our priority, then what we must do is overhaul the educational system. Between 1994 and 1999 money going into the Minimum Foundation Program increased by 24 percent. Of that new money, teachers received only 9.6 percent. We bought a T-bone steak and by the time it was delivered to the classroom it was leftover Spam.

Without additional taxes, we can overhaul the educational system by eliminating the antiquated Board of Elementary and Secondary Education along with the ineffective MFP. In its place we can commit the state constitutionally to paying teachers at or above the Southern average, to providing all classroom materials, to continuing the accountability programs and to providing an equalization fund for poor parishes.

Impact upon future reform

One of the most damaging effects of the Stelly Tax will be the public perception that reform occurred. Such a perception will postpone real reform both in our tax structure and our educational system for a decade or more, leaving Louisiana's economy and children lagging even farther behind.

The supporters of the Stelly Tax would have us believe that this is the "white horse" upon which reform is riding into Louisiana. The truth is the Stelly Tax is a "Trojan horse," which will impose more than a half-billion dollars in new taxes upon our families, and like its famous forebear, hides within the potential for millions of dollars of new taxes on business.

Tony Perkins, R-Baker, serves on the Legislature's Select Committee on Tax Structures and the Budget Committee's subcommittee on general government.

And so they say...

Al Gore

THE ECONOMY

"And every Republican-elected official in the Congress voted against it, and they predicted catastrophe, disaster, even depression. Well, they turned out to be a little bit wrong on that because, after eight years, we have changed the biggest deficits into the biggest surpluses. Instead of repeated recessions, we've seen a tripling of the stock market. Instead of high unemployment, we now have the lowest African-American unemployment ever measured, the lowest Latino unemployment ever measured, 22 million new jobs and the strongest economy in the entire history of the United States of America. That is progress."

SOCIAL SECURITY

"Social Security isn't a budget plan. It's an expression of our most deeply-held values. The young should help care for the old. The old should have the choice to be independent, and not be a burden on the next generation. And every hard-working young American should be able to open the door to their dreams."

TAXES

"The Bush plan gives more tax relief to people who make an average of $1 million a year than it invests in health care, education, and national defense combined. Yes, my tax cut is smaller. But the resources are there to maintain fiscal discipline. The resources are there to strengthen families. The resources are there to invest in a stronger, more productive economy for the 21st Century. And I think those are the right priorities and the right values."

EDUCATION

"This is one of the biggest issues at stake in this election. If we want prosperity to mean anything - if we want to make sure that every American can master the new job manuals, surf the World Wide Web, and seize the full promise of this new and changing economy - then we have to shake up the status quo in our schools. Yes, many of our local schools are making progress. But yes, we can do better. And I believe with all my heart that we have to make education our number-one national priority."

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ABORTION

*Supports abortion rights.
*Would support late term abortion restrictions if exceptions were added to protect a woman's life and health.
*Opposes parental consent or notification.
*Supports an expansion of Medicaid abortions, which are currently provided in instances of rape, incest or to save a woman's life.

FINANCE REFORM

*Supports public financing of congressional and presidential campaigns through his $7 billion "Democracy Endowment" fund.
*Supports banning "soft money" donations to political parties from all sources, including individuals.
*Opposes raising current campaign contribution limit to individual campaigns of $1,000.
*Opposes a ban on "issue" ads by independent parties, but would require them to disclose donor lists.

CIVIL RIGHTS

*Supports affirmative action.
*Opposes same-sex marriage for religious reasons.
*Supports allowing homosexuals to openly serve in the military.
*Supports delegating gay adoption decisions to adoption professionals on a case-by-case basis.

NATIONAL DEFENSE

*Supports a policy of "forward engagement" that includes a limited national missile defense that would not threaten the anti-ballistic missile treaty with Russia.
*Supports use the Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) to set a course for military strategy and to design an adequate force structure.
*Supports streamlining DOD bureaucracy under tenets of his "reinventing government" initiative.
*Supports continued investments in technology and defense industries.

ECONOMY

*Assumes a 10-year, $4.56 trillion surplus based on Office of Management and Budget estimates.
*Supports setting aside the entire projected Social Security surplus of $2.39 trillion.
*Supports using $432 billion to shore up the Medicare program, including prescription drug benefit.
* Would eliminate the national debt by 2012.

EDUCATION

*Supports a 10-year, $115 billion plan paid for by an education trust fund financed with 10 percent of the surplus not dedicated to Social Security or debt reduction.
*Opposed to school vouchers for private religious and home schools
*Supports national education standards
*Proposes mandatory teacher testing for all new teachers and rigorous evaluations after granting teacher licenses

ENERGY

*Opposes oil and gas exploration in the National Wildlife Refuge.
*Would devote an unspecified portion projected budget surplus to establish the Security and Environment Trust Fund.
*Supports providing consumers with a tax cr the purchase of more fuel-efficient cars, trucks, and 18-wheelers.
*Would provide consumers with a tax credi $2,000 to purchase energy-efficient new hom to a $1,000 credit to upgrade the efficiency current homes, and extend a 20 percent tax cr businesses for the purchase of energy-ef building equipment.

ENVIRONMENT

*Supports the Kyoto global warming agreem
*Supports ban on off-shore drilling on unde leases off the California and Florida coasts.
*Supports using $1 billion in federal fun promote "smart growth" policies dealing with sprawl.
*Supports spending $2 billion over 10 years to new parklands and open spaces: $1 billion in ta to landowners who conserve property; $1 bill cities and states to create local parks.

HEALTH CARE

*Supports expanding the federal children's insurance program (CHIP) to include children within 250 percent of the federal poverty level.
*Supports allowing low-income parents to buy CHIP.
*Supports allowing seniors 55-65 to buy in Medicare program.
*Supports providing a 25 percent refundable credit for individuals lacking access to emp based health coverage to purchase private insu

SOCIAL SECURITY

*Supports using $2.2 trillion of the Social Se surplus to shore up the program and pay dow debt, thus saving billions of dollars in interest can be redirected to ensuring the solvency Social Security trust fund until at least 2050.
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*Supports an increase in benefits for widow eliminating the "motherhood penalty" resulting reduction in benefits for women who time off from work to raise children.
*Supports the creation of "Retirement Savings Accounts," maintained by private financial institutions; the accounts would operate simil traditional IRAs and 401(k)s, but would allow deductible contributions of up to $2,000 Annua

INTERNATIONAL POLICY

*Supports extending permanent normal relations to China and the one-China policy.
*Opposes the Taiwan Security Enhancement which calls for closer ties to Taipei.

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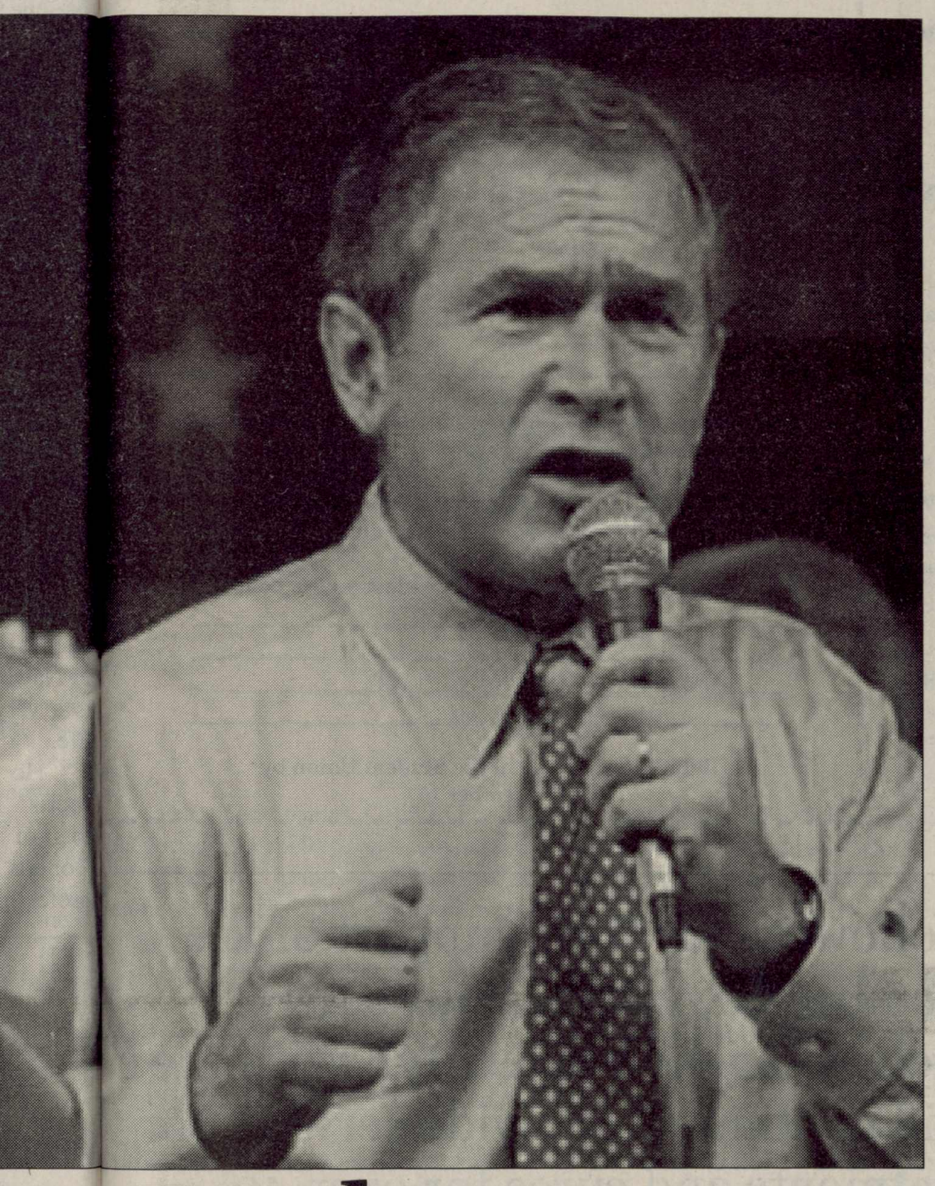
Four amendments to be decided on Nov. 7

Four amendments to the Louisiana Constitution will be decided in the November 7 election:

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 1 — This proposal would dismantle the Department of Economic Development and privatize its functions through a nonprofit corporation that would be called Louisiana Inc.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS NO. 2 AND NO. 3 — These two proposals and accompanying legislation has been termed the "Stelly Plan." The package would increase individual income tax while repealing the state sales tax on food and utilities. Stelly Plan supporters hope at least 80 percent of revenue generated could fund education pay raises.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 4 — This proposal would let local governments use proceeds from a dedicated tax to aid in industrial expansion or economic development tied to increasing jobs in that area.



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CIVIL RIGHTS

oses quotas and racial preferences.
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NATIONAL DEFENSE

ports deployment of a large-system scale nal missile defense system akin to Reagan's tegic Defense Initiative" and would cancel BM treaty with Russia to do so.
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EDUCATION

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ports further development of charter ols by investing $300 million in a charter school homestead fund to provide $3 billion in loan guarantees to 200 new charter schools
*Would triple federal funding for "character education"
*Supports the establishment of Education Savings Accounts

ENERGY

*Supports oil and gas exploration in the Alaskan National Wildlife Refuge.
*Would instruct the Energy Department to identify other federal lands that could be opened to exploration.
*Supports the construction of new pipelines, and would expand refining capacity by tearing down "regulatory hurdles."
*Supports allocating federal funds to clean coal technology and hydroelectric power.

ENVIRONMENT

*Opposes the Kyoto global warming agreement.
*Supports increased state control over environmental polices.
*Supports curbing the sulfur content of gasoline.
*Supports increased "brownfield" redevelopment and setting high environmental standards for brownfields clean ups.

HEALTH CARE

*Supports returning CHIP to its original design as a flexible block-grant program to provide states with the freedom to innovate and expand coverage of the greatest number of eligible uninsured.
*Supports offering medical savings accounts to all Americans.
*Supports private-sector based prescription drug benefit for Medicare beneficiaries.
*Supports prescription drug subsidies for low-income seniors.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Supports partial privatization of Social Security by allowing participants to invest a portion (2 percent) of their payroll taxes in the stock market.
*Does not rule out the possibility of raising the eligibility age for baby boom-era recipients as part of trade-off for private investment accounts.
*Supports the elimination of the Social Security earnings limit.
*Supports the system's current provision to pay benefits to widows, widowers and the disabled.

INTERNATIONAL POLICY

*Supports extending permanent normal trade relations to China and the one-China policy.
*Supports the Taiwan Security Enhancement Act.
*Opposes the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.
*Opposes the Kyoto global warming treaty.

Nearing the end of the tunnel, Buchanan glimpses a sunset

Associated Press

He has fought the good fight, surviving nasty party factionalism to get his name onto the ballot in almost every state and obtain $12.6 million in federal campaign money. He has even ridden out three recent hospital visits for gallstone problems.

But as he carries the Reform Party banner into the November elections at the age of 61, Patrick J. Buchanan is waging what he concedes could be his last battle as a political candidate.

Facing a steady stream of polls that show his conservative message resonating with barely 1 percent of the voters, he has all but acknowledged that he was ready to bow out after the elections in favor of new leadership for an organization he has single-handedly overhauled since bolting the Republican Party last year.

"I'll have to sit down and take a look at where we are," he said over breakfast, sounding not so much saddened by the year's fortunes as proud of his accomplishments. "I am a romantic. I like to roll the dice and take a chance. But I am also very much a realist. Buchananism may prevail even if Buchanan does not."

He is not going out just yet, mind you. Since the third of his recent medical procedures, he has been on the road almost constantly, visiting 22 states and planning stops in 10 more or so before Election Day.

Fortified by new radio and television commercials that trumpet his "America first" themes, he is concentrating on states where he sees weakness or at least vulnerability in the Republican nominee, Gov. George W. Bush of Texas.

It is in states that Bush is not likely to win, Buchanan said, that he has a better chance to convince voters sympathetic to his views that their support would not be wasted on a third-party candidate.

"George Bush has written off New York State," Buchanan said. "So a vote for Bush there is a wasted vote. But a vote for Pat Buchanan can help accomplish something: fighting for a third party, building a new party that doesn't poach or thieve but offers the American people something new."

His concern, of course, which he readily acknowledged, is that for now the country appears unready to embrace a third party, either his on the right or Ralph Nader's Green Party on the left.

Nader has polled somewhat better than Buchanan in most national surveys, reaching as high as 4 percent in some, causing more concern for Vice President Al Gore than Buchanan has caused for Bush.

Unlike 1992, when the Reform founder, Ross Perot, tapped into a widespread discontent with government and won 19 percent of the presidential vote, or 1994, when Republicans captured both houses of Congress for the first time in four decades, this year finds a prosperous nation relatively content.

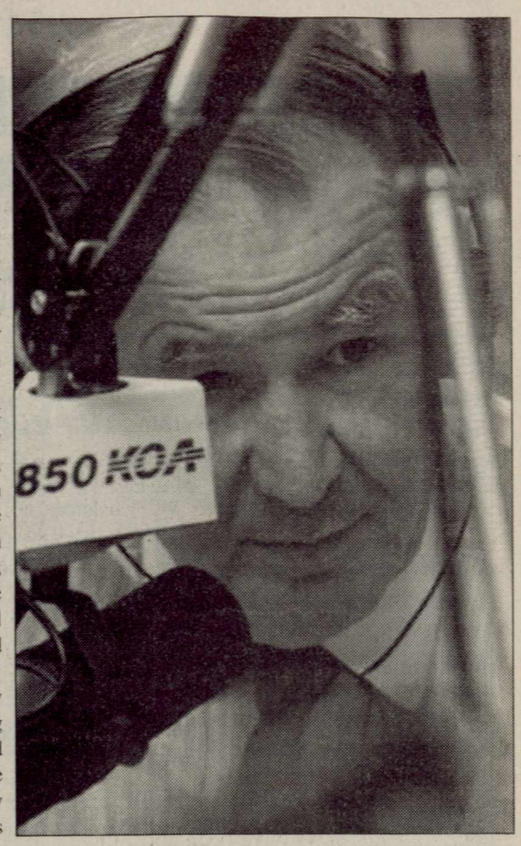
That, Buchanan said, does not necessarily bode well for a third- party campaign now, especially one like his, which promotes many more issues than Perot championed in his two runs for the White House. Perot focused largely on budget, trade and government reform; Buchanan has restyled the party to include stands against abortion rights, moral decline, liberal immigration policies and foreign military intervention.

"Look," he said, unflaggingly animated in an hourlong interview, "as long as we're fighting wars from 15,000 feet and not losing a soldier, when the unemployment rate is 3.9 percent, the Dow is at 11,500 and the Nasdaq is at 5,000, it's not going to be easy for us.

"But when the chickens come home to roost, this whole coalition will be there for somebody, and then they're going to think, `What ever happened to that guy back in 2000?' There's no doubt these issues can win. But 2000 might not be the year for them."

For all his triumphs in the Reform Party, one failure still rankles: the inability to convince the Commission on Presidential Debates that he and Nader deserved a place on the stage with Bush and Gore during the debates. Had he managed to prevail, Buchanan said, polls would have shown him "in the teens right now, the upper teens."

"But the perception is now that it's a very, very close race," he said, "and people want to bet on it like the Super Bowl because there are only two people in it." He laughed. "We're in the Fiesta Bowl with Nader."



Even Perot-like support would not do the party much good for now, other than to qualify it for federal campaign funds for 2004 by surpassing the minimum requirement of 5 percent of the popular vote. Nor did Buchanan make it sound as if jumping even that modest hurdle would have a huge bearing on his own future. After the election, he said, he will assess the results, then meet with party leaders to measure their appetite for party building and his role in it, as a candidate or, more likely, an elder statesman of sorts.

Steven J. Rosenstone, dean of the college of liberal arts at the University of Minnesota and author of a 1996 book, "Third Parties in America," said that with or without Buchanan, the Reform Party might undergo yet another metamorphosis over the next four years in an effort to gain ground.

Tax changes - YES

Adoption of the 'Stelly Plan' is a good first step toward getting the state's fiscal house in order

By REP. VIC STELLY

1) What is it?

A package of bills passed during the 2000 legislative session. The "enabling" bill was HB295, and the two constitutional amendments were HB 73 and HB 98. All three had to pass both houses of the Legislature with a two-thirds vote and did. HB 30 and HB 31 were related bills that passed in the special session.

2) What is the goal of the plan?

To essentially swap sales tax for income tax and use the excess revenue derived for educational purposes.

3) How will it change the taxes I pay?

Your state income taxes will be changed in two ways: The brackets that determine the percentage of your income you pay have been flattened to range from zero to $50,000 on a joint return instead of the present zero to $100,000 with a maximum rate of 5 percent in lieu of the present 6 percent. The other change is that you will no longer be able to deduct federal income tax paid, or the "excess itemized deductions" allowed on your federal return.

Our tax brackets are the largest in the South and currently we're one of only four states to allow the deductions noted. None of the other states allow 100 percent deductions, and all have higher rates. Only 15 to 18 percent of our taxpayers actually itemize and therefore use the deductions. The trade-off is that you will no longer pay the current 4 cent sales tax on food and utilities. A bonus is that any state income tax paid is deductible on your federal return. Sales tax is not.

4) Will any particular group be hit harder than others by the plan?

Obviously those making the most will still pay the most, but instead of having those who make over $100,000 (4 percent of taxpayers) paying 40 percent of all Louisiana income tax, the bulk of the burden should spread out to all those making over $50,000 (35 percent of taxpayers). Charts prepared by the Department of Revenue indicate a proportional increase as you go up the income ladder. Because of the trade-off with sales tax on food and utilities, those at the bottom of the chart (adjusted gross income of less than $25,000) will actually see a reduction in annual tax liability. This is 49 percent of our Louisiana taxpayers! All public retirement income (Social Security, military, teachers, state employees, etc.) is 100 percent exempt and all others receive a flat $6,000 deduction, the same as at present.

5) Why should we make the swap?

Tax analysts and economists have been suggesting this for years, but most recently it has been recommended by the Louisiana State Law Institute in a report issued in May. In that report the institute points out that income tax is the only growth tax we have, and that any sales tax (especially on necessities such as food and utilities) is regressive. In addition, sales tax revenue is destined to go down with the expansion of Internet sales.

6) How much increased revenue will be provided by this plan, and how will it be spent?

The fiscal note prepared by legislative analysts and the Department of Revenue predict a net increase of approximately $200 million in 2001-2002, the first full year of the change. This amount will have a steady increase over the years. The money will be appropriated by the Legislature as follows:

A) A minimum of 80 percent must be used to increase salaries in these areas: (1) K-12 teachers (2) higher education instructors and (3) support personnel. The K-12 salary increases will have as a goal the Southern regional average of teacher salaries.

B) Any remaining funds can be appropriated by the Legislature for any educational purpose.

7) When does the "Stelly Plan" go into effect?

Since constitutional amendments are involved, it is subject to a vote of the people. That vote will come Nov. 7. There will be two amendments on the ballot, one for the income tax changes and one for the sales tax changes. If both pass, the changes will be effective Jan. 1, 2001. Note: One cent of the sales tax reduction will not occur until July to cover the phase-in of the income tax hike.

This plan is by no means a complete plan of tax reform for our state. It is simply a good start. In a state that once derived over 40 percent of its revenue from the oil and gas industry, but has seen this figure deteriorate to less than 10 percent, we must be willing to look at revisions to our system. As one who has served for the past five years on the Appropriations and Joint Budget committees, I have seen the state budget from inside out.

While I certainly cannot justify every item in the budget (It totals $14 billion!), I also have experienced the frustration of trying to cut. We currently have six committees looking for ways to economize. I'm on board for whatever they suggest.

If education is truly our No. 1 priority, we must realize that the teachers are the most important component of that entity. While money is certainly not the only motivating factor for teachers, we must do something to stop the hemorrhage of certified teachers and education graduates to surrounding states.

Adoption of the Stelly Plan will be a good first step toward restructuring an obsolete, inadequate tax system. At the same time it will provide us a growing, stable source of badly needed funding for education.

Vic Stelly,R-Lake Charles, is a member of the Appropriations and Joint Budget committees of the Louisiana Legislature.

And so they say... George W. Bush

VISION FOR THE FUTURE

"In my administration we will ask not only what is legal, but what is right. Not just what the lawyers allow, but what the public deserves. In my administration we'll make it clear there is the controlling legal authority of conscience. We will make people proud again, so that Americans who love their country can once again respect their government."

EDUCATION

"And I'll also lead on education. I want the best public schools in the world. And we will no longer fund failure, in my administration. In return for federal money, we will insist local jurisdictions test every year. We'll raise the bar and require strong results for our children. I believe our public schools will rise to the occasion, just as they have in my state of Texas. But if schools — but if schools do not teach and will not change, instead of accepting the status quo, we will give parents better options — different choices. We'll leave no child behind in America. And that's what accountability means. And that's what leadership demands."

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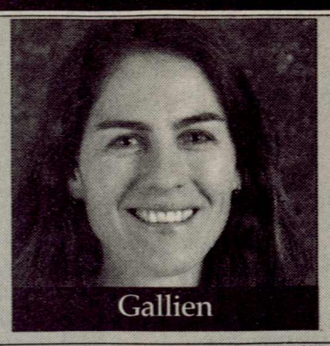
"My opponent in the course of this campaign has set a tone about what he's going to be should he win. He talked about ripping the lungs out of political adversaries. Part of his campaign headquarters is called, incredibly enough, the slaughterhouse. And his staff proudly calls itself a band — and I quote — of killers. That's political killers, of course. This is a sample of what we could expect, a bitter and negative tone that has nearly destroyed bipartisanship in our nation's capital, the same attack politics that have disillusioned so many Americans, especially young Americans who want to believe in a cause larger than ourselves."

SOCIAL SECURITY

"We must do the same. We must show the will and wisdom to save the programs on which our seniors depend. And we must reject an irresponsible politics that saddles our children with debt and insecurity. These goals will take leadership, and a bipartisan spirit, and a bit of political courage. I am eager to begin this work. I am ready to meet this challenge. And I ask for your support."

LIFE: *Features*

When can binge drinking become deadly?


Gallien

Be Informed about Alcohol Poisoning, Asphyxiation, and Aspiration

By Tara Gallien
LIFE Wellness Columnist

Wow! It's Thursday night again. Some of you will be studying, a few of you will be watching television, while others of you will be making your way to a local drinking establishment. Alcohol consumption and college- is there a connection? Studies indicate that college students consume large quantities of alcohol, especially during their freshman year. Research also shows that college students are more likely to participate in episodes of binge drinking (consumption of 5 or more drinks in a row for males and 4 or more drinks in a row for females) than the general population. So what does this have to do with you? Well, I would like to share some information with you about three very serious consequences that occur when students drink too much at one time - alcohol poisoning, asphyxiation, and aspiration.

What is alcohol poisoning?

Alcohol is a central nervous system depressant. It affects your brain chemistry causing sedation. That is, it slows everything down (like breathing, motor control, and thought processes). In small amounts your body can maintain homeostasis (your body's ability to maintain internal stability), but in large quantities your body has difficulty controlling vital bodily functions that have become depressed.

Alcohol poisoning, also known as acute alcohol intoxication, occurs when someone consumes alcohol at a rate faster than the liver can oxidize it. It takes your body approximately 1 to 2 hours to completely oxidize one drink (1 drink equals a 12oz beer, a glass of wine, or a shot of distilled liquor).

How much is too much?

According to several sources, drinking more than 10 drinks rapidly can lead to alcohol poisoning. What are the signs?

* Cannot be aroused (unconscious)
* Weak, rapid pulse
* Unusual or irregular breathing pattern
* Cool (possibly damp), pale, or cyanotic (bluish) skin

What is asphyxiation? And, what causes it?

Too much alcohol causes the valve at the base of the stomach to close. The alcohol left behind irritates the lining of the stomach causing involuntary muscle contractions of the stomach. These contractions cause stomach contents (vomitus) to flow back through the esophagus (food tube). A conscious person can safely clear their airway of the vomitus but an unconscious person will not be able to. If the intoxicated person is lying on their back the vomitus will obstruct their airway leading to asphyxiation. A lack of oxygen to the brain will cause brain damage in as little as 3-6 minutes. Permanent and irreversible brain damage can occur if the airway is not cleared in 10 minutes. Death is inevitable.

What is aspiration?

Aspiration occurs when the vomitus enters the lungs. The hydrochloric acid present in the stomach is deadly to lung tissue. Someone surviving aspiration will develop pneumonia (inflammation of lung tissue) and be hospitalized for a long period of time.

Tips for reducing your risk:

* Don't drink alcohol faster than one drink every 1 to 2 hours.
* Always have someone with you who won't be drinking so they can watch out for you. Never leave a friend who is extremely intoxicated alone to "sleep it off".
* Avoid parties where alcohol is free.
* Decide, before going out to drink, how many drinks you will limit yourself to.
* Don't be pressured or dared to consume alcohol rapidly.
* Listen to your own intuition. If it doesn't feel right, don't do it.
* Be a responsible drinker.

What to do if you find someone with the signs of alcohol poisoning:

* Immediately call 911.
* Maintain their airway.
* Turn them onto their side. If they vomit clear the airway.
* Do not try to transport them to the hospital yourself.
* Learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) so that you can help if their airway becomes obstructed, they stop breathing, or their heart stops beating.

Reference: Pinger, R., Payne, W., Hahn, D., & Hahn, E. (1998). Drugs: issues for today. Dubuque, IA: McGraw-Hill.

COLUMNIST'S NOTE: If you are interested in learning more about this health issue or you have questions about other health topics, please email me at currentsauce@hotmail.com.

NSU Symphony set to shine

The Natchitoches/Northwestern Symphony Orchestra and the NSU Choirs will perform in concert Thursday, Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall. Tickets are $5. Admission is free for members of the Natchitoches/Northwestern Symphony and NSU students with I.D. The concert will feature music by French composers Faure, Saint-Saens and Franck.

The orchestra and choirs will combine to perform Faure's Requiem. Director of Choral Activities Dr. Burt Allen will conduct. Soloists will be soprano Terrie Sanders, a member of Northwestern's music faculty and baritone Bret Woodall. Organist Corey Candler of Keithville will also be featured.

"The Faure Requiem is a work unlike that of Italian composers of requiem masses," said Symphony conductor Scott York. "It does not focus on the 'day of wrath' as a motivating force behind the music."

CONCERT SURVEY

1. What is your classification: FR SOPH JR SR
2. Age Category: 17-20 21-25 26 and older
3. What style of music would you like to have?

   Alternative
   Rap
   Country
   R&B
   Other:_____
4. Who is your favorite artist from that genre?_____

5. Would you be willing to pay admission in order to bring in a bigger named artist? Yes No
6. Would you like for the concert to be set on a rotating schedule. Ex: Rock one year, then Rap etc... Yes or No
7. What was your favorite thing about last year's concert?

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Demons on fire: NSU wins tournament championship



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Greg Sankey presents the Demon soccer team with the championship trophy as well as congratulating the Demons' All-Tournament members. (L to R) Tiffany Swingler, Britiany Cargill, Shawna Bailey, Missy Payne, Hillarie Marshall.

By Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

Demon defender Shawn Bailey, who before Sunday's Southland Conference Tournament Championship game had only scored one goal the entire season, scored the only goal halfway through the first half to give the Demons a 1-0 victory against Southeast Louisiana.

With the win, the Demons became the first Southland conference team to win both the regular season and tournament titles.

Bailey was in the right place at the right time bouncing in a cross kick from Missy Payne at the 31-minute mark in the first half. It was one of only two shots for the Demons that half.

"We are so stoked about going to play Montana," Bailey said. "We knew we were the best team in the conference; we just had to prove it to the rest of the conference."

The win puts the Demons one game away from being the first Southland conference team to earn a bid into the NCAA tournament. They have to defeat the University of Montana in Montana on Saturday in a play-in game.

Bailey's only goal serves as an example of the type of defensive struggle it was for both teams. The two teams blasted 30 shots on goal at each other, where both teams got excellent goal play. Demon goalkeeper Tiffany Swingler notched her school-record seventh shutout.

"This is the most confident team I've ever played on,' Swingler said. "We know our strengths, and we know what we can do. We push each other as a team."

Swingler, along with Bailey, and Demons Hillarie Marshall, Missy Payne and Tiffany Swingler were named to the All-Tournament team while Britiany Cargill was named tournament MVP.

This is the second time the Demons have won the conference tournament. The first time was in 1997 in the inaugural conference tournament, when the then fourth-seeded Demons upset everyone after going winless the entire

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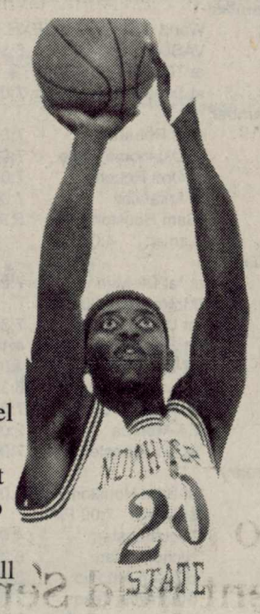
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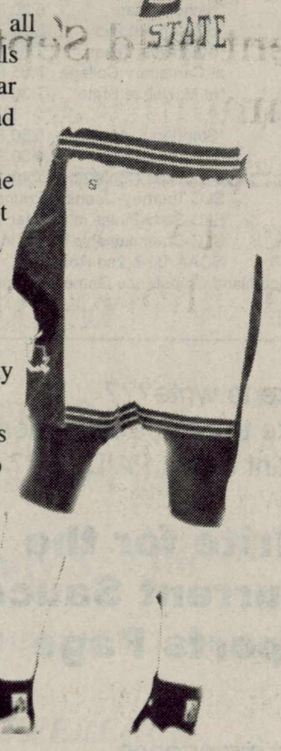
Out with the old...in with the new

You may not know them. Not yet, at least. But we think you will. Soon. Because Kat Grieder and Michael Byers-Dawson are representatives of the changing faces, and expectations, of NSU Basketball.

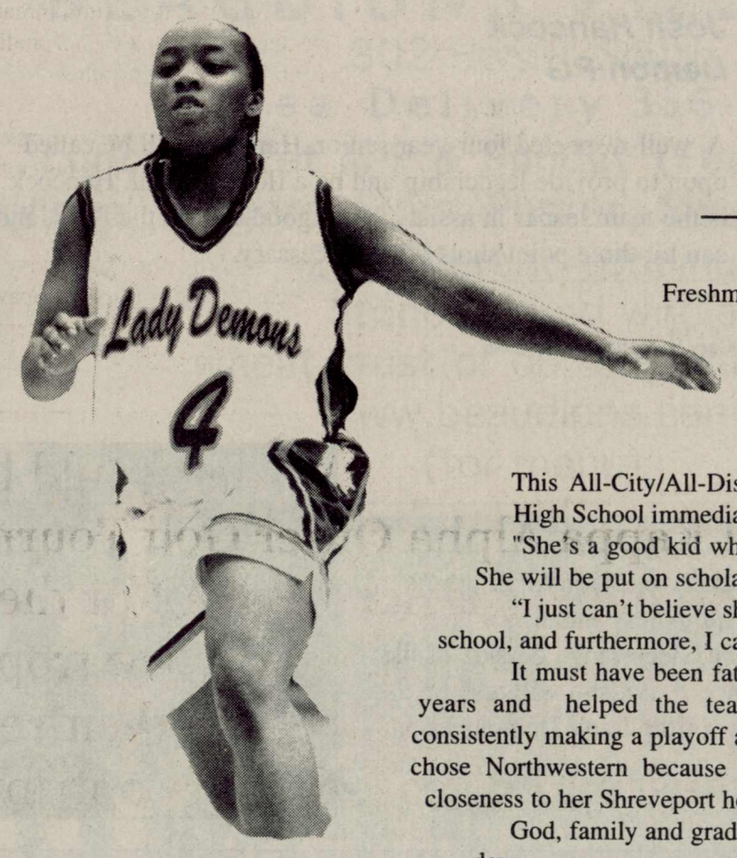


Meet Michael Byars-Dawson
By Cooda Dobin





Photos By Gary Hardamon





Meet Kat Greider
By Mindy Mixon

From Los Angeles, Calif. to Fort Worth, Texas, Dunbar High School's Michael Aliwicous Byars-Dawson knew basketball would be one of his many talents.

The 5'11" junior guard Byars-Dawson,who credits the hyphen in his last name to being adopted by his step-father and role model Derwin Dawson, is no rookie on the court.

At Dunbar High School,, Byars-Dawson was first team 5A all-state and all region as a senior with averages of 23.9 ppg., 6.7 rpg., 5.5 assists pg. and 5 steals pg. He was also Fort Worth's Star-Telegrams Tarrant County player of the year for 1997 and first team Dallas Morning News All-Metroplex. He later lead Dunbar to a 33-4 record and the regional finals.

He went on to play 33 games in two seasons with the Hurricanes at the University of Miami. Scoring 14 points against Villanova and 12 points against providence as a freshman, and he scored 10 points against Kentucky as a sophomore. He also toured South America with the Hurricanes in 1998 starting two of four games.

He's played against many NBA players. To name a few, Ray Allen, Glen Rice, Jerry Stackhouse and a couple of Miami's best: Timmy Hardaway, Alonzo Mourning and P.J. Brown.

Playing against some of the best made him realize that his only defense is "himself". Still feeling unappreciated, he sought a transfer to NSU. Having to sit out a year, Byars-Dawson played his last college game for the Hurricanes Dec. 5, 1998.

He has admitted to great anticipation of the upcoming season saying he has "a lot of built up frustration."

He refers to himself as "a caged lion ready to break loose" after acknowledging the tattoo of a lion on his arm.

Byars-Dawson has said he would like to one day return to his old high school and coach, but his life long goal is to play in the NBA. His season goal is to help put NSU on the map.

"He brings to us the ability to create shots," said Head Coach Mike McConathy. "That's something we were limited to a year ago."

Assistant coach Dave Simmons adds, "Transferring from Miami, he's been in a high level program which will help us in addition to the experience he brings to the team and his leadership ability."

"He's very explosive on the open court which will add to our transition," Simmons added.

While Byars-Dawson's record does speak for itself senior guard Josh Hancock insists he will play a major role in our success because he has a knack for scoring and he knows how to get the ball to the open man."

Freshman Katherine Grieder walked on the women's basketball team this fall semester and promptly received a scholarship for the spring term.

This All-City/All-District point guard from C.E. Byrd High School immediately impressed Coach James Smith "She's a good kid who knows the game extremely well. She will be put on scholarship in January," Smith said.

"I just can't believe she wasn't recruited right out of high school, and furthermore, I can't believe we missed her."

It must have been fate. Grieder, who led Byrd for three years and helped the team in attaining state runner-up, consistently making a playoff and one Sweet Sixteen appearance, chose Northwestern because friendly coaches, small size and closeness to her Shreveport home.

God, family and grades dominate Katherine's time these days.

"My family is very close and supportive of one another," said Grieder. "My dad is a hard worker; he always does his best, and he's extremely self-motivated. He's my idol; I want to pattern my life after his."

As a matter of fact, it was Katherine's father who pushed her to start playing basketball in the fifth grade. Later that year, she would start on the team that went on to become the Broadmoor-City Champs.

The former Yellow Jacket also reveres the persistency of her grandmother who's been battling cancer.

"She's been through four cycles of chemotherapy, and she's still alive," Grieder attests. "No one thought she would make it, but she's surprised us all."

When practice and her seventeen hours of classes are through, Grieder and boyfriend Kyle Thomas enjoy riding four-wheelers, hanging out in the sun, swimming in the family pool and exercising. Both also regularly attend the Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting every Tuesday night at eight.

"The members are a good group of athletes with good morals," Grieder states. "I really enjoy going."

Unless practice detains Katherine, don't look to find this business major in Natchitoches on weekends.

"I like to go home and see my family as often as possible," Grieder admits.

However, she remains happy with her decision to become a Demon and enjoys representing them on the court.

While she may see little playing time as a freshman, Coach Smith looks for Grieder to have a promising career at Northwestern.

"I just love the game; I love the challenge; I love how it keeps me focused," Grieder said. "And I would like to help my dad out by paying for some college expenses myself."

Lady Demons replace four starters, still confident about upcoming season

By Elona A. Boggs
Sauce Reporter

The Lady Demon basketball team has been predicted to finish third in the 2000-2001 conference season by Southland Conference coaches.

Last year, the Lady Demons ended their 1999-2000 season with a school record of 24 wins and six losses, good enough for a second place finish in the Southland Conference.

However, a loss to Stephen F. Austin in the SLC tournament cost the Lady Demons a NCAA tournament bid.

In 2000-2001, the Lady Demons are looking to continue their solid record and ultimately, redeem themselves and progress to the NCAA tournament.

Despite the loss of standouts Judy Clark, Louise Chase and Jennifer Graf last year, the Lady

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Lady Demons

Demons are hoping to continue to break school records for the 2000-2001 season. First team All-SLC select Kia Converse will be returning, and has already won preseason honors. Last week, Converse was named to the preseason All-Southland Conference first team.

Although the team is relatively young this year, sophomore guard LaTerrica Dobin said this is by no means a disadvantage

"We have a lot of young players and freshmen, but we mesh and play together well," said Dobin. "We have to come out and prove ourselves to everyone.

The Lady Demon's schedule includes non-conference games at Colorado State and Texas A&M. The team will also play the University of Maine on Nov. 30 at home.

The first game of the season will be an exhibition game against Louisiana Heat Wave on Nov. 12. Regular season action will begin on Nov. 17 when the Lady demons face Southern Arkansas.

Demons try to avoid sophomore jinx; excellent recruiting class may be key

By Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

What happened?

One year ago, the Demon basketball was picked to finish ninth in the conference standings in the preseason polls.

One year, a 17-13 record, a trip to the conference tournament championship game and one of the top recruiting classes in the nation later, the bullseye of the conference off other teams and put it squarely on the backs of NSU.

The Demons will start their season-long run at the title tonight when they take on World Class Sports tonight in a exhibition.

Tip-off is scheduled for 6:30.

Even though the Demons did not place any members on the preseason All-Conference teams, the Demons are confident that this

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Demons

year's team has the right mix of talent, experience and depth to surpass last year's surprise run. The Demons lost only three players, two of whom were starters, from last year's team and Looking to fill those vacancies are the core of the Demon attack, guards Josh Hancock, Alann Polk and Ryan Duplessis. All three guards helped spur Coach McConathy's philosophy of having fresh players to play a fast-paced tempo for 40 minutes. Transfer guard Michael Byars-Dawson will provide even more depth for the Demons and the guard position.

Size is one area where the Demons have picked up dramatically. Along with Demon mainstays Will Burks and Chris Thompson, the Demons bulked up by adding 6-11 true freshman D'or Fisher and 6-7 Melvin Roberts. Junior Jerrold McRae is also expected to build on a impressive sophomore season.

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Meet the Demons and Lady Demons

NSU Lady Demon Basketball
2000 - 2001 Women's Basketball Roster

4	Kiki Junior	G	So-1L	Harrell, AR/Hampton
12	Nikki Vernon	F	Sr./3L	Lewisville, TX/Lewisville
13	LaTerrica Dobin	G	So./HS	Bossier City, LA/Evangel Academy
20	Katherine Grieder	G	Fr./HS	Shreveport, LA/Byrd HS
21	Anna Means	G	So./1L	Gloster/Central Grand Cane
30	Kia Converse	G	Sr./3L	Napoleonville/Assumption
31	Emily Huey	C	Jr./2L	Alice, TX/Alice
32	Tweety Evans	F/C	Sr./3L	Little Rock,AR/McClellan
34	Lindsey Bufford	G	Sr./3L	Hackberry, LA/Hackberry HS
35	Jami Callais	F	So./1L	Patterson, LA/Patterson HS
40	Diamond Cosby	G	Fr./HS	Singer/Singer
41	Tiffany Hall	F	So./HS	Shreveport, LA/Northwood HS
42	Jamila Newman	F/C	Sr./3L	Fayetteville, AR/Fayetteville
44	Angela Davidson	F	So./TR	Leesville, LA/Ole Miss
52	Katrina Swanigan	F	Fr./HS	Hot Springs, AK/Hot Springs HS

***Current Sauce's* Probable Starters:** PG Anna Means
SG Kia Converse
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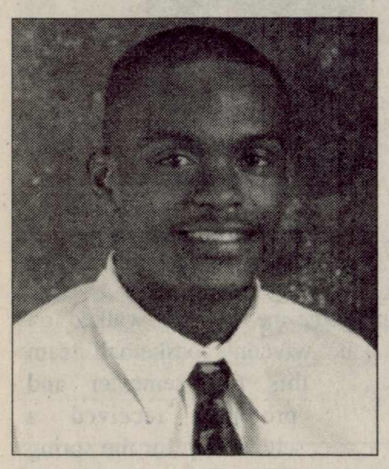
NSU Demon Basketball
2000 - 2001 Men's Basketball Roster

3	Ryan Duplessis	G	Jr./2L	New Orleans/St. Augustine
4	Pooh Davis	G	Sr./TR	Shreveport, LA/North Texas
5	Michael Edwards	G	Fr.	Rowlett, TX/Rowlett HS
10	Kory Wilson	G	Jr./TR.	Ft. Worth, TX/Hill JC
12	Alann Polk	G	Sr./3L	Emerson, AR/Emerson
20	Will Burks	F	Sr./2L	Decatur, AL/Motlow State CC
21	Jerrold McRae	F	Jr./2L	Nashville, TN/Glencliff
22	Chris Lynch	F	Jr./Tr.	Dallas, TX/UC Santa Barbara
23	Josh Hancock	G	Sr./3L	Kountze,TX/Kountze
25	B. J. Netterville	G	So./HS	Zachary, LA/Zachary
30	Michael Byars-Dawson	G	Jr./TR	Ft. Worth,TX/U of Miami
33	Chris Thompson	F	Sr./1L	Bossier City, LA/BPCC
40	D'or Fischer	C	Fr.	Philadelphia, PA
50	Melvin Roberts	F	Jr./TR	Quitman, MS/Northland Pioneer JC

***Current Sauce's* Probable Starters: *PG Josh Hancock*- See "Making Waves"**
SG Alann Polk
SF Will Burks
PF Chris Thompson
C Will Burks

Making Waves:

Key Players to watch in 2000



Josh Hancock
Demon PG

A well-respected four year senior, Hancock will be called upon to provide leadership and be a floor general. Hancock is the team leader in assists, has a good eye on the floor, and can hit three point shots when necessary.

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Angela Davidson
Lady Demon F



This 6-0 transfer from the University of Mississippi brings big game experience as well as quickness and size to the Lady Demon lineup. Davidson has deep range outside of the paint as well as an inside presence. Davidson will also be a defensive and rebounding threat for the Lady Demons as well.

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2000 - 2001 NSU Demon Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
November		
2	World Class Sports (EXH.)	6:30 PM
13	VASDA-USA	6:30 PM
17	at TCU	7:05 PM
21	at Southern University	7:00 PM
December		
5	Oral Roberts	7:00 PM
16	at Oklahoma State	7:00 PM
18	at Oral Roberts	7:00 PM
20	at Arkansas	7:00 PM
28	*Sam Houston State	6:30 PM
30	*Lamar	4:00 PM
January		
4	at *at LA-Monroe	7:00 PM
8	*McNeese	6:30 PM
11	*at UT-Arlington	7:30 PM
13	*at Stephen F. Austin	4:15 PM
20	UT-San Antonio	4:00 PM
22	*Southwest Texas	6:30 PM
25	*at Nicholls State	7:00 PM
27	*LA-Monroe	2:00 PM
29	*at Southeastern	7:00 PM
February		
3	*at Sam Houston State	7:00 PM
5	*at Lamar	7:00 PM
10	**Southeastern	4:00 PM
12	*Nicholls State	6:30 PM
15	*UT-San Antonio	8:00
17	*Southwest Texas	7:00 PM
21	at Centenary College	7:05 PM
24	*at McNeese State	7:30 PM
March		
1	*Stephen F. Austin	5:30 PM
3	*UT-Arlington	4:00 PM
7-11	Southland Conference Tournament	
6	SLC Tourney-Opening Rounds Bossier City, LA	
8	SLC-Semi-Finals in Bossier City, LA	TBA
10	SLC-Championship Game in Bossier City, LA	TBA
15-18	NCAA 1st & 2nd Round	TBA

* - Southland Conference Game **-Homecoming

2000 - 2001 NSU Lady Demon Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
November		
12	LOUISIANA HEAT WAVE (EXH.)	2:00
17	SOUTHERN ARKANSAS	6:30
24-25	Memphis University Tourn. (Memphis, TX A&M, East Tennessee St. TBA	
28	CENTENARY	6:30
30	MAINE	6:30
December		
3	Colorado St.	3:00
14	*Southeastern	7:00
16	*Nicholls St.	7:00
30	*Lamar	2:00
January		
1	*SAM HOUSTON	2:00
4	at *MCNEESE ST	6:30
11	*Texas-Arlington	5:15
13	*Stephen F. Austin	2:00
15	*Louisiana-Monroe	7:00
18	*SOUTHWEST TEXAS	6:30
20	*TEXAS-SAN ANTONIO	2:00
24	Centenary	7:00
27	*LOUISIANA MONROE	4:00
February		
1	*Lamar	7:00
3	*Sam Houston St.	4:00
8	*NICHOLLS ST.	6:30
10	*SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA	2:00
15	*Texas San Antonio	6:00
17	*Southwest Texas	4:00
24	*McNeese St	5:30
March		
1	*STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	8:00
3	*TEXAS-ARLINGTON	2:00

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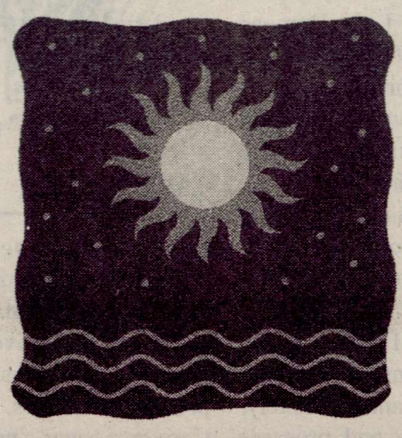
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Prediction Station slumps last week; Back to give it another go, we've got the answers for this week's Jacksonville State game



By Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

I have two quick talking points before I get started.

- Great job by the SAB and the Athletic Department in putting together last week's Demon Basketball Slamboree. Bad job by the students of NSU. I've been to funerals that had more excitement that that. The point of the Slamboree was to give the players a chance to relax and showoff their skills to a supposedly boisterous student crowd. I guess that's where the students got confused. Memo to NSU: feel free to make noise. I bet the Demon and Lady Demon players thought the Slamboree was a closed-door practice. But be of good cheer, soon the alumni and the pep band will be at the games, so at least someone will be making a little noise.

- Congratulations to the NSU Soccer team on what has been a great season. I really had not been big on soccer, but this team makes the sport enjoyable to watch. Of course, any sport is easier to watch when your team is actually winning.

Now on to the main course.

Women.

What's up with them? And if you know, would you please tell me. I mean one minute, everything can be cool. We could be getting along greatly, wanting to spend as much time with each other as possible, and then- WHAM! A total 180-degree head spin. Then this person who you thought was a cool girl suddenly becomes Elvira, Princess of Darkness.

No logic or reason can explain why the sudden turn of feeling. I'm sure many a man out there has tried, but to no avail. But yet, we men, as stupid as we are, keep coming back for more punishment.

It's exactly like being a Demon fan, or a Demon sports reporter in my case. One minute, everything is fine. Examples include...

-"I miss you , baby (4 Ben Beach TDs)."

- "I only want to be with you (198 Tony Taylor rushing yards)."

- "Let's do it! (Late fourth quarter rally to beat McNeese)."

But then, just when it looks like smooth sailing, comes...

- "Why did you leave the toilet seat up? (four turnovers)"

- "Who was that other woman? (4 INT's)"

- "You want to do what!? (21-10 loss against SWT)"

Go figure. So I will ask the Demon football team the same question I ask every woman on this campus...WHY?!

What fun do you get in seeing us in agony as you go from being our best friend to our worst nightmare? Why must you take us through so many ups and downs?

Whatever happened to consistency?

Championship teams must win road games and beat teams they should beat (hint hint, SWT).

Now it's very arrogant to expect any team to go undefeated in conference play. The SLC is very tough this season,and maybe it's best that the Demons get this loss out of the way. But losses like the one at SWT had better be a wake-up call for the Demons as they head to the playoffs.

So, like a good man who stands by his psycho woman, I'm gonna stick my the Demons this week. Embarrassing losses only makes the embarrassed team angry. It also spells trouble for the next opponent. Having said this... ***Demons 24, Jacksonville 10 (or I'm filing for divorce!)***

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Demon football still in top 10 despite loss to SWT

Despite being upset 21-10 Saturday at Southwest Texas, Northwestern State still has a Top 10 national ranking and a direct line to the Southland Football League championship.

The Demons fell five spots Monday to No. 10 in the TeamLink/CFAA Division I-AA Top 25 poll of athletic directors and sports information directors, and also in the Sports Network's media poll. They slipped six places to No. 11 in the ESPN/USA Today voting by I-AA coaches.

Although the upset loss created a four-way tie for first in the conference race, it did not derail the Demons' title hopes. Northwestern (6-2, 3-1) can claim at least a share of the Southland crown by winning its three remaining games, beginning Saturday at Jacksonville State (2-5, 1-4).

Northwestern then plays host to Sam Houston State (5-3, 2-2) on Nov. 11 and visits Stephen F. Austin (5-3, 2-2) on Nov. 18 to wrap up the regular season.

The Demons will have played four of their final six games away from Turpin Stadium, where they are 4-0 this season.

Demons win SLC championship

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regular season. That was then, and this is now where the Demons finished at 15-7 overall, They are in the midst of a nine-game winning streak and flaunt a perfect 9-0 home mark.

NSU has allowed only eight goals in conference play this season and only four goals during the winning streak.

"Their effort was unbelievable, not just today, but all season long," head coach Jimmy Mitchell said. " Our returning class came in and brought the younger players into the team."

The Demons face a Montana Grizzlies team that looks strikingly familiar to NSU.

The Grizzlies, at 14-4-1, have not lost at home this season and play the game at their home field where very cold temperatures are forecasted. The game starts at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

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The following is the seventh in a series of articles written by a student at the University.

March 19, 1995. I am 15 years old. It was a Sunday morning. The night before I had been up late playing music with a couple of other people I know. I had snuck in the house about 3:00 a.m. the previous night so come Sunday morning, I was too tired to rise out of my bed. My house had thin walls and loud inhabitants so sleeping past nine in the morning was almost impossible.

I would just lay in bed and hope that no one would notice me and make me try to get up. I could hear the conversation between my mother and father. Well, more appropriately I could hear my father's booming voice.

He said something along the lines of, "If you're not feeling better then we'll go to a doctor, but first take a bath." I heard a door slam and then quiet.

My father would be gone for a good while and that meant I had a couple of hours to do absolutely nothing. I could hear water begin to run and I stretched and yawned and curled up a little tighter to my bed.

I lay there for a while and listened to the bathtub fill and I felt very peaceful. I remember these moments very clearly.

I was just lying and thinking a whole lot of nothing. The water stopped flowing,and for what seemed like an eternity everything was quiet. Too quiet.

My mind began to wander and I asked my self the question "what would happen if someone very close to me would die?" The thought didn't bring me down. I considered it in my relaxed state and didn't think I would take it too hard. I just figured it wouldn't happen to me anytime soon and continued to lie there.

My mind began to wander and I asked my self the question "what would happen if someone very close to me would die?"

After what felt like a good hour of silence I heard a door slam. My father had returned from wherever he had gone. He called out my mother's name. No response. He called again. No response. I thought that was a little strange. Then he got a bit louder, and again nothing came of his call.

I remember thinking that I heard the bath water run and then nothing after that; no splashing, no doors, no drain. I was always able to hear water drain from the bathtub from any room in the house so I figured she should still be bathing.

Then I heard him scream her name; he sounded desperate. His footsteps were loud as he ran across the house and I could hear him holler her name all across the house. I didn't move. I thought somehow that this couldn't be happening. I couldn't see what was going on so I shouldn't jump to any conclusions.

I heard my father run back across the house and start talking again. He was speaking more softly and I couldn't understand what he was saying. I sat up in my bed to hear a little better and I thought, "What happens if mom is dead"?

Once again I felt nothing. It was almost as If I wasn't there. The door slammed again and I could hear more commotion. I just sat at the edge of my bed and wondered what the hell was going on. I heard him yell "can't you do something?"

At that point I started to get scared. I didn't know what was happening and was too afraid to leave my room to look so I just sat and thought the worst. I knew something was wrong. I could feel a dead weight just floating all around me and I just knew that when the outside world made its way into my room I wasn't going to be happy.

When things felt like they couldn't get any more tense my father crashed into my room. His face was bright red and distorted. Tears were streaming down his cheeks he said very quietly, yet with more energy then I've ever heard him say anything.

"Your mom's had a heart attack… I… I don't know" and he ran out.

I didn't move. I didn't stand. I didn't do anything. I just sat there. I don't know if I was afraid or what but I remained motionless.

Then, I heard sirens. And more people and noises and I was too curious not to do anything so I stood up.

Chaos pounding all around me, I slowly and deliberately dressed myself and when I finally walked out of my room I couldn't see anybody. I made my way down a narrow hall and when I got to the kitchen I was overloaded. The place was full.

Neighbors were everywhere and not two seconds after I was in the room, the paramedics were carrying a stretcher with one of the blankets from my parent's bed and her hand. All I was able to see after that was one of my next door neighbors telling me to go to the other room. So I went and after a few minutes I came back out and saw my father speeding off out of the driveway.

I was lucid. I was calm. I don't think I said anything for a couple of seconds and then another neighbor, this one male, told me to come with him. I got in his truck and he said we were going to the hospital.

"Your mom's had a heart attack… I… I don't know" and he ran out.

He proceeded to talk to me and he was angry at the way I was so unsupportive of my father in his time of need. I wasn't really paying attention. I don't think I was really there the whole time. I just kept thinking to myself, "She's dead, I know she's dead," and wondering why this thought wasn't bothering me more,

Why was I thinking this? She wasn't dead. People have heart attacks all the time. People have multiple heart attacks. Why do I think the worst about every situation? What is wrong with me?

When I tuned back in to the driver he said, "Do you understand what I'm talking about?" I replied "I think so," and he said "Good. I'm glad to see we are on the same page here."

He stopped the car at the hospital and I got out without saying anything to him. When I walked into the waiting room, my father was yelling at the receptionist,"He's a butcher! I don't want him near her!"

The receptionist was not taking it well and one of the security guards was sternly warning my father to calm down. This only made him angrier.

"I am calm! I just don't want that son of a bitch putting a knife to my wife!"

A few more security guards came in to the waiting room, one of them talking to a walkie-talkie. I was confused so I went and sat outside against the wall of the building. I just kept thinking, "she's dead" over and over; time seemed to stand still.

My father finally came outside and told me. She didn't make it. He gave me a really long hug.

When he let go I still didn't feel anything. I turned around and very calmly punched a wall, and started walking. At that point I had no Idea where I was going.

Next - Repercussions

Texas Baptists wise up to Southern Baptist Co.

Elona A. Boggs
Opinions columnists

For most of my life, I have worshiped within the Southern Baptist religion. Considering this upbringing, most of my friends find my liberalism to be nothing short of a mystery. I would rather think of it as a small miracle.

In the Southern Baptist religion, I have found both love and support. However, I have yet to find and experience equality.

For instance, among other things, I have never understood the Southern Baptist Convention's barring of female pastors.

Women who are worthy of such leadership should be allowed to serve at all levels within the church.

I can recall in the bible that when Jesus was resurrected he first appeared to women. He told them to spread the news of his resurrection, thus making them "preachers" and "proclaimers" of his life. In the bible women were evangelist; why not now?

Interpretation is everything and religion abuses it in a variety of ways. People have twisted words to fit their own purposes, and consequently, this misuse allows discrimination.

This is one of the reasons why nearly 2.7 million Texas Baptists withdrew over $5 million in funding from the SBC last week.

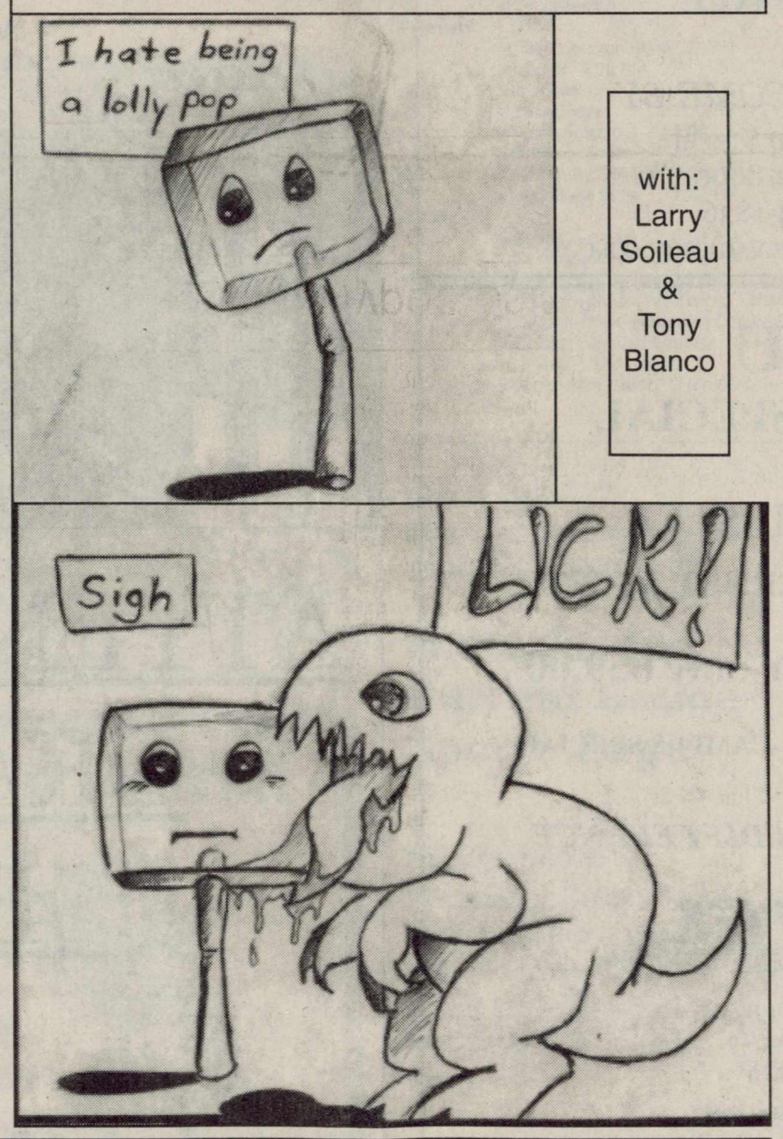
Texas Baptists felt that the SBC's discriminatory standards were becoming too restrictive and political in nature. The SBC is notorious for its political involvement in women's issues and homo sexuality.

Ultimately, Texas Baptists realized something that we all should consider.

Religion was never intended to discriminate. It was intended to help others find God. It is unfortunate that its purpose has been lost because of the debate over who should spread God's word.

It is important to remember that as long as people know it, it does not matter who told them.

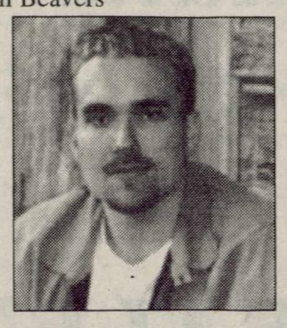
Null Hypothesis



with: Larry Soileau & Tony Blanco

The *good*, the **bad**, and the ugly

with Josh Beavers



Natchitoches is a town rich in history. A town that is rich in tradition and proud of an old fashioned southern heritage. It is this tradition, however, that some claim is keeping Natchitoches from growing into a more prosperous city.

One landmark of Natchitoches is the abandoned Nakatosh Hotel that sits on the corner of Church and Front streets. This structure is in the middle of an ongoing town controversy that has raged for quite some. The problem with the hotel is its condition. The building was constructed in the early years of this century and has been abandoned for over 30 years. Since it closure there has been a debate on what to do with it.

The building is condemned, dangerous and a death trap waiting to happen. If something is not done soon the building's roof or walls or the entire structure could possibly collapse under its own weight. A decision must be made. The ownership of the hotel is in dispute, however. The last owner was a Texas based company named Trinity Gas. After their apparent release no clear owner is at the forefront.

Currently the hotel is tied up in federal bankruptcy court and with no owner it could be a while before any decision is made on.

Even though there is no clear owner there is much talk of what to do. One group wants to tear the whole hotel down and possibly allow a new establishment to take its place. Another group wants to keep the Natchitoches tradition alive and favor a renovation project.

It is this second idea that seems to be the more logical, as well as fair, choice. Instead of simply tearing the building down, this renovation plan would allow for the construction of new apartments in the top levels and perhaps a department store on the ground.

The argument against apartments is they would not make enough money. While this may be true, what other money making option is there? Is it better for the place to continue to sit and turn no profit what so ever? If a new business comes in would it turn a profit? Possibly, but how much of one?

In any case, the current state of the hotel is earning nothing.

A renovation would maintain the traditional facade of the building and keep the Natchitoches heritage alive. The project would also accommodate the group of people who yearn to see the town grow and incorporate new things. It will open up new living quarters for a town that is in short supply.

A total demolition project would appease only one group and leave the other out in the rain. It is the second plan that is the most appealing and beneficial to all involved parties.

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A Woman's Voice

To all the men out there who can't get it together:

What you say you want is right in your face. You are afraid to let yourself love another. You are trying to hold on to something that is not meant to be held. You are scared of your feelings and you are worried that you may get hurt. But the only ones that are hurting are the people around you.

You can't make someone be that "true" love you have always wanted. Time is passing by and you have to look hard at the surroundings and realize that the magic and the love of the relationship are over.

It's time to look towards new things and new people. Don't take the mistakes of the past out on people in your future.

Each relationship is different and not all relationships end. Just because one did not work out, that doesn't mean the next won't.

If your love were true, that person would have not ever come into your life. Things happen for a reason. People come into the picture for all kinds of reasons.It's just up to us to decide what those reasons are.

If you want to turn your back on love, then go, but love won't be waiting.

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Campaign 2000 comes to an end?

By Randall S. Frederick
Sauce Reporter

Tuesday, Nov. 7th 2000 will go down as one of the longest, nail-biting election nights ever.

At several points in the night, standstills were held over where states stood in their Electoral College votes. Some, like Arkansas and Tennessee held out for hours until the votes were tallied and told.

No state held out or had as wild a ride as Florida.

In the boxing match between Bush and Gore, Florida was a state that made each candidate see stars (and stripes). Soon after the polls closed in Florida, the state was given to the Democratic Party based on the expectations from Democratic voters and previous Democratic support from the state.

The state's governor, Jeb Bush, vehemently declared the state would turn Republican, and sure enough, two hours after Florida was named a Democratic win, it was taken off the boards and began to turn Republican.

Due to the family ties held in Florida with the Bush family, the lack of Jewish turnout, and the brotherly campaigning between Jeb and George W., Florida became the battleground of the Millennium. The Bush family refused to believe Florida went to Gore. To the shock of such experienced journalists as Tom Brokaw, Katie Couric, Dan Rather, former White House Communications Director George Stephanopolous, and the entire CNN desk staff. Florida made the turnover to Republican- but just barely.

As the night drew on into the early hours of Wednesday, expectations were given to the wind, the great newscasters all said, "We don't know how this will end".

Then, at 1:18am, Bush was name the undisputed champion of Florida. Austin, Texas, where the Bush family was bunkered down, lit up with a unanimous cry of victory that their man had won the fight.

The Democrats were knocked down, and it was such a sweet victory for the Bush's.

In 1992, President George Bush Sr. was defeated by the popular Governor from Arkansas, Bill Clinton. When Bush Sr. saw his son named by every major news network as the 43rd President, it could possibly have been seen as a personal victory. The man who defeated the father was now beaten by the son.

Although President Clinton has had a reluctance to enter into the political arena to support his Vice-President, this victory was over the Clinton Dynasty, not Clinton personally. The Clinton Dynasty will surely live on with First Lady Hillary Clinton named to the New York Senate.

To the shock of a nation, Gore stood up from his knockout punch. After Florida was named Republican Territory, Vice-President Al Gore called George W. to admit his defeat, and congratulate him man to man. Then, minutes after hanging up, called back to retract his statement. Gore believed Florida could still be his, and refused to let go. Refused to give up.

Florida was Democratic in the past, surely it could be Democratic now.

As you read this, the future of a nation hangs in the balance. Four more years of the Clinton Dynasty, or four years of a new, revived, younger Reaganomics in the White House.

If Bush wins, this will be the second father-son Presidency in American history. The first time a son followed his father into the White House was when John Quincy Adams (1825-1829) followed his father, John Adams (1797-1801).

If Gore wins, this will be the fourth time a Vice-President has followed the President he was under into power.

Campaign Facts

-Bush spent: $118 million
-Gore spent: $133 million
(both total campaign finances spent across country. not what was raised, just what was spent)

-84% turnout for the election. (Largest ever. Second largest was held in 1900 when there was a 73% turnout)

-**If Bush wins**...First father-son presidency since John Adams (1797-1801) and John Quincy Adams (1825-1829)

-**If Gore wins**...The fourth time a Vice President has taken over the role of President

Parish Voting Stats

-Natchitoches Parish stats: 18,000 women registered to vote. 11,000 men registered to vote

Presidential Electors
54 of 54 precincts reporting

6,924 47% Democratic Party, Gore & Lieberman
271 2% Reform Party, Buchanan & Foster
7,332 49% Republican Party, Bush & Cheney
166 1% Constitution Party, Phillips & Frazier
109 1% Green Party, Nader & LaDuke
32 0% Libertarian Party, Browne & Olivier
11 0% Natural Law Party, Hagelin & Ticciati
12 0% Socialist Workers Party, Harris & Trowe

U. S. Representative, 4th Congressional District
54 of 54 precincts reporting
2,165 22% Phillip R. Green
6,866 69% "Jim" McCrery
372 4% James Ronald Skains
507 5% Michael "Mike" Taylor

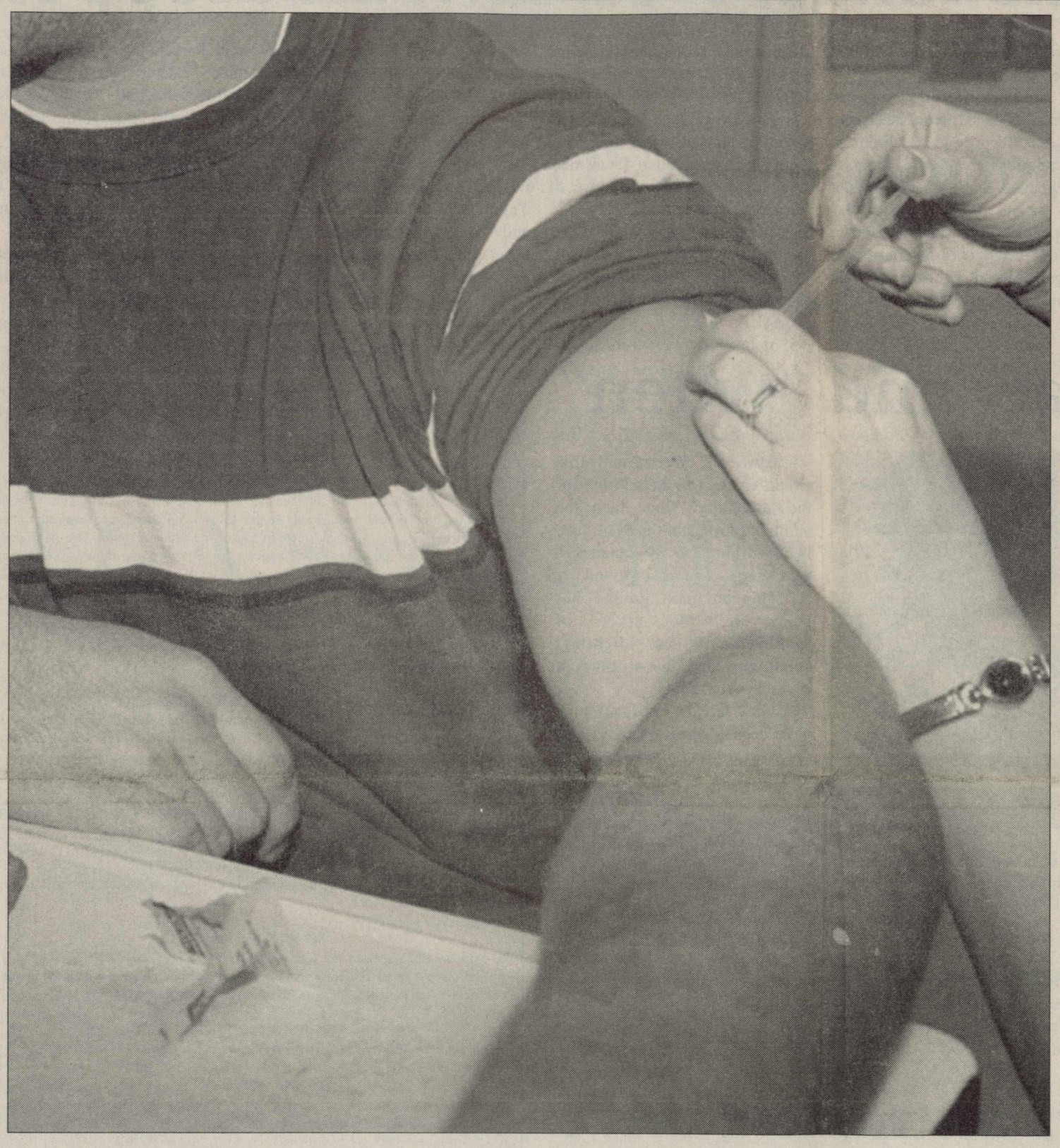
CA #1-Act 153/2000 1st Ex, creates "Louisiana, Inc." (economic develop
54 of 54 precincts reporting
3,433 32% FOR
7,307 68% AGAINST

CA #2-Act 48/2000 Regular, deletes fed.inc.tax deduct.from state inc.t
54 of 54 precincts reporting
4,395 41% FOR
6,355 59% AGAINST

CA #3-Act 49/2000 Regular, exempts food & until. from sales & use taxes
54 of 54 precincts reporting
5,788 53% FOR
5,034 47% AGAINST

CA #4-Act 152/2000 1st Ex, auth.local gov.to donate revenue for ind.de
54 of 54 precincts reporting
3,714 35% FOR
6,841 65% AGAINST

Parishwide Police Jury, 1% S/U Tax — PJ
54 of 54 precincts reporting
3,377 33% YES
7,012 67% NO



Influenza is a virus that is very contagious and caught by thousands of people each and every year. The viruses that cause influenza change often. Because of this situation, the influenza vaccine is updated each year by replacing at least one of the vaccine viruses with a newer one. This process is set up to make sure that influenza vaccine is as up-to-date as possible.

Fleeing from the flu

Influenza is a virus that is very contagious and caught by thousands of people each and every year according to University officials.

Influenza is caused by a virus that spreads from infected persons' to the nose or throat of others. People are most susceptible to getting the flu in the United States from November to April each year.

According to Willie M. Clark, Director of Nursing at the Natchitoches Outpatient Clinic, people of any age can get the flu, but some get much sicker and may need to be hospitalized. Most incidents of the influenza virus are reported by the elderly,

"The best time to get influenza vaccine is between Sept. and Dec. A new shot is needed each year," Clark said. Some of the symptoms that the virus can cause are fever, cough, chills, sore throat and head and muscle aches.

The viruses that cause influenza change often. Because of this situation, the influenza vaccine is updated each year by replacing at least one of the vaccine viruses with a newer one.

This process is set up to make sure that influenza vaccine is as up-to-date as possible.

The cure and protection develops about two weeks after the shot and may last up to a year. Clark also said that people at risk for getting a serious case of influenza or complications or people in close contact with them should always get the vaccine.

Some people that are apt to get a serious case of influenza are:
- Everyone 65 years of age or older.
- Residents of long term care facilities housing persons with chronic medical conditions.
- Anyone who has a serious long term health problem with heart disease, lung disease, asthma, kidney disease, metabolic disease, anemia and other blood disorders.
- Anyone whose immune system is weakened because of:
- HIV/AIDS or other diseases that affect immune system.
- long-term treatment with drugs such as steroids
- cancer treatment with X-rays or drugs
- Women who will be past the 3rd month of pregnancy during the months of influenza
- Physicians, nurses, family members, or anyone else coming in close contact with people at risk of serious influenza
- Students and staff that attend schools and colleges.

Many people were curious about if they had gotten the vaccine could they still get the flu. Well, the answer is yes. The viruses change and the people that receive the influenza vaccine might not always be covered by the vaccine. They often will have a mild case of influenza from the people that did not receive the shot.

This vaccine, like any medicine, is capable of causing serious side effects, such as severe allergic reactions. The risk of a vaccine causing serious harm or death is extremely small. Almost all people who get the influenza vaccine have no serious problems from it.

According to Clark, life-threatening allergic reactions are very rare.Serious Allergic reactions can include difficulty breathing, hoarseness, wheezing, hives, paleness, weakness, a fast heartbeat or dizziness. If they do occur, it is within a few minutes to a few hours after the shot.

If you are experiencing any unusual condition, such as high fever, behavior changes, any signs of a serious allergic reactions call a doctor immediately or visit the emergency room.

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Pedestrian safety issues

By Rheannon Coon
Sauce Reporter

There has not been a problem with pedestrian safety for about six years and even then there wasn't a problem according to University police.

In 1994 a single incident that could have been avoided had the pedestrian been more awareof the oncoming car.

NSU students know that pedestrians have the right of way at crosswalks, one thing that students may not be aware of is the rules regarding bicycles.

"Bicyclists do not have the right of way at crosswalks only pedestrians, " said Police Chief Williams.

Bicyclists are supposed to dismount and walk their bicycle across then they have the right of way.

The only worrisome spot is the red light at the center of campus. Chief Williams said that this spot causes trouble only because students don't know the rules. If traffic going straight has a green light pedestrians must wait. If the traffic is turning right or left those crosswalks with pedestrians have the right of way but not the one at the green light.

So far this year there have been no accidents and there were none last year either.

"All students have to do is follow the rules," said Chief Williams.

PEDESTRIAN FUN FACTS:

-Look both ways before crossing a street.

-Wear bright clothes when walking at night.

-Do not assume that all vehicles will stop abruptly.

-Be cautious of inattentive drivers.



Photo by Courtney Payne

So far there have been no major accidents involving pedestrians and cars. Students, however, should still be cautious when walking to and from class. NSU students know that pedestrians have the right of way at crosswalks, one thing that students may not be aware of is the rules regarding bicycles.

Napster services no longer free; lawsuit dropped

By Raymond Williams
Sauce Reporter

Napster sells out.

On Oct. 31, Napster co-founder Shawn Fanning and CEO Hank Barry announced the formation of an alliance with Bertelsmann AG, the parent company of BMG Entertainment.

According to MSNBC.com, the agreement calls for Bertelsmann's e-commerce unit to help fund the development of the "next generation" Napster. This new version will allow users to continue file sharing; however, it will be on a subscription basis. Barry said a cost for the service has not been set.

As part of the deal, Bertelsmann will drop its lawsuit against Napster, because the new subscription service will pay royalties to artists whose music is traded on the service.

The lawsuit filed against Napster by major record labels and the Recording Industry Association of America complained that Napster did not pay artists whose music was swapped on the service.

In July, a U.S. District Court judge ordered Napster to shut down pending a full trial. The judge ruled that Napster was guilty of "wholesale" copyright infringement.

However, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals granted a last-minute stay because it needed more time to consider the matter. A decision is still pending.

Bertelsmann executives urged the other labels involved in the suit to join them in their alliance with Napster after the announcement. The labels involved are Universal Music, Sony Music, Warner Music Group, EMI Group.

"I'm really happy that after intense negotiations we found a way that we can run such a business model in the future," Thomas Middelhoff, Chairman and CEO of Bertelsmann said.

Not all parties are happy with the alliance.

"I think it's really crappy," Matt Parker, University freshman said. "After you get used to getting something for free for so long, you're not going to like having to pay for it."

However, Fanning the college dropout who founded Napster at age 19 had some encouraging words.

"If you think Napster is great now, just wait," Fanning said. "We're just getting started."

Students ask "what" and "when"



File Photo

The parking situation has remained the same on the University campus. Students are beginning to question the allocation of funds from parking tickets to improve the situation. The latest improvements have been to the parking lots of the P.E. building, the T.E.C., and Varnado hall.

By Bessie Renfrow
Sauce Reporter

With parking still a problem, many students are wondering what will be done and when, exactly it will be done.

Earlier this semester a resolution was brought to University President Randall J. Webb by the Student Government Association. This resolution called for all the money received from parking tickets be put into a fund for improvements in the parking situation.

However, Webb said this would create a financial bind for the university. Since then the administration and the SGA have been working closely together to try to find a common ground.

This common ground has come in the form of improvements in lighting, conditions, and the striping of several parking lots.

The latest improvements have been to the parking lots of the P.E. building, the T.E.C., and Varnado hall.

Several of the lights in these lots had gone out, but have now been replaced. Over the holidays the parking lot in front of Sabine Hall will also be worked on. The lot will be swept and restriped for better parking in the spring semester.

"We got to the most pressing problems and we got them fixed," said SGA President David Gunn.

Organization sponsors instrument drive

By Heather Patton
Sauce Reporter

Sigma Alpha Iota, the international music fraternity for women, is sponsoring Making Music Possible.

Making Music Possible is a music instrument drive and a fundraiser to get old or unused instruments donated to two area schools. The instruments will be for the Natchitoches Jr. High School Orchestra and the Natchitoches Central High School Band. If the drive is successful, SAI, President Michelle Walters hopes it will be done again.

Walters, a music education major, said she came up with the idea when she did her observation last year.

"It seemed like the music department didn't have any money for for supplies and instruments," Walters said. "I feel that art appreciation should start at an early age. This is also a good way to incorporate the program into the community so that kids from all area schools can learn music. There are a lot of programs that need help. We started with a small area to see how it will turn out. I think it would be great if it were expanded for next year and got the other communities involved."

Sigma Alpha Iota was founded in 1803 at the University School of Music in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The purpose of the fraternity was to foster an interest in music. Beta Iota is the University's chapter and was chartered in May 1950. There is a national convention every three years. In 2003, SAI will celebrate it's centennial anniversary with a convention in Ann Arbor. Old and new members will go to celebrate. Angela McCorkle had been a member for three years.

"I joined SAI to be in a group of people who were music lovers, but didn't have to be music majors," McCorkle said. "But like any organization, there are some requirements to become a member."

McCorkle said she feels the music instrument drive is a good thing to do.

"It's a lot of hard work and we're still in the planning stages," McCorkle said. "We want to get the word out to these two schools that want and need our help. Hopefully next year, we'll branch out to other schools. It will just depend on the next chapter of the fraternity. I hope they will, though."

The music instrument drive is also accepting donations of supplies like old method books, music stands, metronomes, tuners or anything of a music nature that can be donated. Monetary donations are also accepted. All proceeds will be given to the program and all donations are tax-deductible.

Donations can be dropped off at the University's music building from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The drop off dates are November 12, January 20, February 3 and March 3.

"We want to get help for these students that need instruments and supplies so they can be in band," Walters said. "You never know what kid will be a virtuoso in the future. The experience of music can last a lifetime."

For more information, contact Michelle Walters at 357-0042.

Campus Connections

NSU CLUB SOCCER

The NSU Club Soccer team is looking for new members. Informational meetings are held behind Watson Library. Everyone is welcome. Any questions, call Cesar Isgitt, at 354-6483.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

The SGA would like to tell all students about a few of the programs they are undertaking this school year. Don't forget to pick up your free scantrons, every Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 222 of the Student Union. You will need a student I.D. to take advantage. Also, check out the Book Swap Board while you are there and see if someone has a book you need at a cheaper rate.

WATSON LIBRARY

The staff of Watson Library would like the students of NSU to know about a new service that could help them in their educational growth. For more information, check with the circulation department.

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Students can have lunch at the Wesley Westminister Foundation (between Magee's and The Ink Spot) on Tuesday from 11:30 until 1:00. The first visit is free and $1 each time thereafter. Worship services are held from 6:30-7:30 pm each Wednesday.

COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

College Democrats would like inform students of their informational meetings every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union.

STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE

Meetings are held every Wednesday at noon in room 224 of Russell Hall. All majors welcome.

SENATE POSITIONS

The SGA has three Senator at Large and two Senior Class Senator positions open. Applications can be picked up in room 222 of the student union and returned to the same room when completed. For more information call 357-4501.

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Meetings are Monday at 3 p.m. in the Archeology lab, Kyser Hall room 212.

TENNIS ANYONE???

The tennis court lights will be turned on every Tuesday and Thursday night until 10 p.m. for those students wishing to play tennis.

CATHOLIC STUDENT ORGANIZATION

The CSO would like to invite all students to join the CSO for fun, fellowship, and a free meal every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church (located on Second Street). You do not have to be Catholic to join in on the fun; every student is welcome. There is also a student mass held every Sunday at 9:30 p.m. Hope to see you there!

AFRICAN AMERICAN CAUCUS

The AAC will start accepting food and monetary donations for their 1st Annual Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway starting October 31st through November 10th. Donation boxes will be available in all dormitories and departmental offices. For more information please contact Meilana Charles at 354-2528 or Briony Williams at 357-5932.

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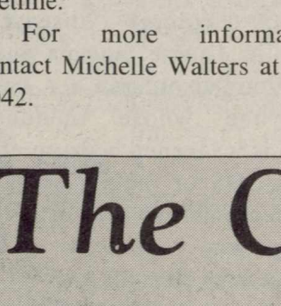
You are invited to a free Thanksgiving Feast on November 23, Thanksgiving Day. The feast will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church located at 411 Second Street across from Shipley Donuts. Everyone is welcome! For more information or to volunteer, call 357-8296.

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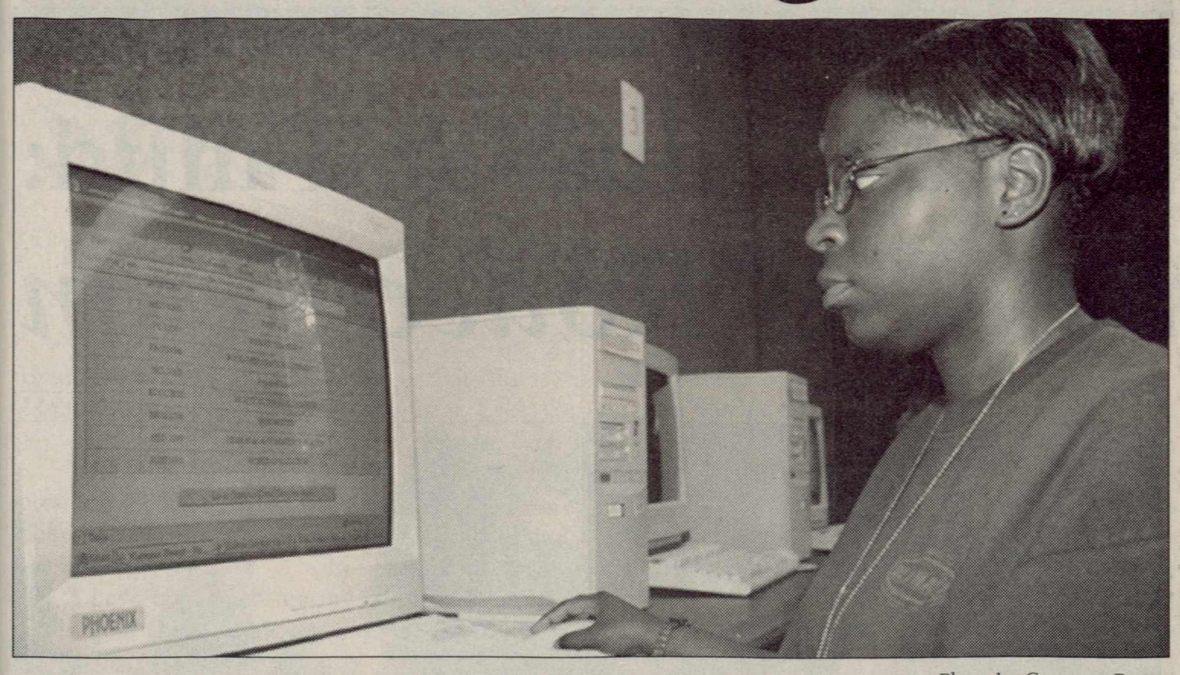


Photo by Courtney Payne

A University student gears up to schedule her classes for next semester. Advanced online registration began this week and will end Friday. Departmental registration begins Monday and will end next Friday. Students are encouraged to begin registration as soon as possible because classes tend to fill up quickly.

By Windy S. La'Borde
Sauce Reporter

Finals are fast approaching as is some long awaited vacation time, but wait. Before students run back home to mom-cooked meals and lazy days, they must first not forget to register for next semester.

The schedule for advance registration is as follows: students may register over the Internet and telephone earlier than in a department if the student is not a freshman. Graduate students can begin registering on Nov. 8th. Juniors can register on Nov. 9th. Sophomores can register on Nov. 10th. Internet and telephone advance registration will end on Dec. 15th.

Departmental early registration is from Nov. 13th-17th from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Regular registration for the Internet and telephone is from Jan. 3rd-Jan. 5th.

Departmental regular registration is from Jan. 4th-5th.

Late registration requires a $50 fee and begins on Jan. 8th through the 11th.

Classes fill up fast and if students who want to get a preferred schedule must prepare their schedules ahead of time using the Spring 2001 Schedule of Classes or the internet. Available classes, class times, days and professors can all be found with these resources.

Once students have a schedule that fits their life, the next step is being the first in line for early registration. Being a graduate student or a Junior helps in this regard, but not if students wait till the last minute.

As a Sophomore a student is now allowed to register over the internet without the aid of an advisor.

Freshmen, though, are required to speak to an advisor before registering for classes. The trick to that is to be the first name on that list advisors post outside of their doors. Classes, by this time, are becoming scarce and the race is on for beating the plague of having all 8 A.M. and evening classes.

Freshmen are classified as having 1-29 credit hours. Sophomores 30-59, Juniors 60-91, and Seniors 92 plus.

To register over the Internet and telephone you must have your social security number and date of birth.

Health and Human Performance to hold health seminar

The Northwestern State University Department of Health and Human Performance will be sponsoring community health seminars Nov. 13 – 14 on the NSU campus and on Nov. 15 at the Boys and Girls Club of Natchitoches.

All three sessions are open to NSU students, faculty and community members.

The featured speaker for the events will be Dr. Linda Jouridine, with the Texas A&M University Extension Office in College Station, Texas.

Monday, Nov. 13, Jouridine will present "The Heart of Women" from 11:45 a. m. – 1 p. m. in the President's room of the Student Union. During the seminar and luncheon, Jouridine will discuss methods for preventing and detecting disease in the female heart. A $9 fee will be imposed per participant, and will cover the seminar and lunch. Reservations can be made by calling 357-5126.

"The Role of Culture Regarding Health Behaviors" will be presented by Jouridine on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 5 p.m. Jouridine will discuss various minority health issues at the seminar, which will be held in The Alley of the Student Union at 5 p. m. The seminar is free to all NSU students.

On Wednesday, Nov. 15, Jouridine will present "The Truth about Smoking" and "Health Issues in the Black Community" at the Martin Luther King Clubhouse on MLK Drive. "The Truth about Smoking" will focus its attention on 10-12 year old from 4:30-5:30 p. m. Next, "Health Issues in the Black Community" will be presented to parents from 6:30-7:30 p. m..

Jouridine received her bachelors and masters degrees from James Madison University. She received her doctorate from the University of Virginia. She was awarded a postdoctoral fellowship at Howard University in cardiovascular epidemiology, then served as the director of minority health research at the University of Maryland.

For more information, contact Dr. Catherine McMillan, MPH, CHES, Assistant Professor of Health Education and Health Promotion at 357-5126.

SGA Senate Minutes for 11/6/2000

SGA Meeting 11/6/00

I. Roll call

Present:
Leanna Anderson
Amanda Barrios
Chante Bellard
Wayne Bush
Vanessa Byrd
Jonathan Chance
Matt Comeaux
Stacie Cosby
Craig Coutee
Jessica Cramer
Andrew Davies
Kimberly Dickerson
Dustin Floyd
Jack Givens
Elizabeth Hughes
Shaun Jackson
Dustin Matthews
Nola McGuire
Paul Monteleone
Joni Naquin
Jeremiah Newsom
Ben Nihart
Justin Owen
Casey Ponder
Shelly Smith
Frank Toro
Glenn Ward
Rusty Broussard
David Gunn
John-Michael McConnell

Absent:
Will Hooper
Brian Wilkinson-excused

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

The prayer was led by Shelly Smith. The pledge was led by Ben Nihart.

Jessica Cramer moved to approve the minutes, with one correction: Glenn s name has 2 n s.
Dustin Floyd seconded.
The motion passed by a general consent.

II. Executive Reports:

Treasurer- John-Michael McConnell- meetings are at 3pm.

Vice-President- Rusty Broussard
-Breakfast with the President tomorrow at 7am with Tri-Sigma.

President- David Gunn
-don t forget to vote tomorrow
-completed ITAC/STAT grant for last Friday
-I need 10 volunteers for appointment to serve as ad hoc STAT/ITAC representatives on the grant review committee. We will meet to review these grants @ 1:00 Friday of this week.
-I need 3 volunteers for appointment to serve on who s who selection committee tomorrow at 2pm.
-I am appointing Tara Newman to senator at large tonight.
-We need to approve approximately $1060.00 to cover the food costs of hosting COSBP.
-Tomorrow I am holding a COSBP planning session @ 3pm. If you attended the meeting in Baton Rouge or any past meetings of COSBP or are still interested despite never having attended COSBP, please attend. When we actually host the conference, we will need the support and work of all SGA members to ensure that the conference runs smoothly.
-The Saints are going to win the SuperBowl.
-I appointed Wayne Bush to fiscal affairs.

III. Department/Committee Reports

Academic Affairs- Amanda Barrios:
-need more scantrons for the giveaway
-baking tomorrow from 3-6pm
-meetings Wed. at 5pm

External Affairs- Andrew Davies:
-radio show tomorrow
-getting a DJ for weekends for stay on campus
-meeting tomorrow at 5:30pm

Club Sports- Matt Comeaux:
-meeting tomorrow at 4:30pm

Organizational Grants- Matt needs to talk with committee after the meeting.

Internal Affairs- Vanessa Byrd:
-social on Thurs. from 12-1 in the Cane River Room
-Thurs after social clean filing cabinet
-Kim, Will, and Paul need to meet with her
-new senators meet Wed at 2pm to write a bill

Election Board- Joni Naquin:
-results are on the board

Student Affairs- Justin Owen:
-last week went on short walk to address problems
-met with Mr. Lindsay
-lights are in the process

IM-Jeremiah Newsom:
-meet Thurs at 4pm
-in the process of contacting other universities

Class Council- Dustin Floyd:
-committee meets every other Wed at 4pm
-regular meetings Thurs at 6pm.

SAB Non-voting Representative- Will Hooper is not here.
-next Monday Coffeehouse

Supreme Court- Niko Tesvich:
-last week 3pm jurisdiction meeting
-Nov 8 conference meeting-AAC vs. Organizational Grants

Advisor s Report- Mr. Henry:
-Senior Day is Sat.
-need approval before purchasing by Mrs. Phyllis

IV. New Business

Glenn Ward read FA00-010.
Matt Comeaux moved to send FA00-010 to Student Affairs.
The motion passed 26-0-1.

David Gunn appointed Wayne Bush for fiscal affairs.
Matt Comeaux moved to appoint Wayne Bush for fiscal affairs.
Shaun Jackson seconded.
The motion passed 26-0-1.

Matt Comeaux moved to approve Matt Comeaux, Ben Nihart, Casey Ponder, Jessica Cramer, Shaun Jackson, Dustin Floyd, Kim Dickerson, Jeremiah Newsom, Liz Hughes, and Jack Givens for the ITAC grant review committee.
Jack Givens seconded.
The motion passed 26-0-1.

Jessica Cramer moved to approve $1060.00 for COSBP food money.
Justin Owen seconded.
The motion passed 25-0-2.

Paul Monteleone moved to approve Tara Newman as senator-at-large.
Matt Comeaux seconded.
The motion passed by a general consent.

David Gunn swears in Tara Newman.

Notice of intent to remove Kim Dickerson, Will Hooper, and Paul Monteleone.

V. Announcements

Vanessa Byrd-Who s Who meeting 2pm tomorrow.

Jessica Cramer- Survive the Night is cancelled.

Matt Comeaux- need to meet with the organizational grant committee
The meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.

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The View from the Front Row

By Larry Collins
Life Editor

"Good morning Angels"

I think that it is fair to say that we won't hear Kevin Spacey ripping open the envelope for Best Actress at next year's Oscars and reading that the Oscar goes to either Cameron Diaz, Lucy Lui or Drew Barrymore for their work in *Charlie's Angels*.

Even though the only accolade that will probably come from this fantastically exuberant but tragically hokey piece of cinematic fun (for lack of a better word) is probably an MTV Movie Award.

This was truly a fun film. It didn't have to rely on shock value or gratuitous vulgarity like former entertaining movie giants such as *Austin Powers* (the lesser) and *There's Something About Mary*. This film used good old-fashioned humor and quirky cleverness to find a happy medium between action/adventure and satirical repertoire in what I would call the most entertaining movie of he year.

The cinematography of this film may not rival that of *The Matrix* or *Magnolia*, but it was far superior to most films of this genre. Lets just say that it wasn't quite like *The Last Action Hero*.

A great deal of time, effort and expertise went into the making of this film. Where most directors would have gone for the cheap laughs and cleavage shots of the sexy co-stars, those involved with *Charlie's Angels* went far beyond what was mandated. I went into the theater expecting to be under-whelmed and walked away satisfied. It is much like a *Mission Impossible II* meets *Steel Magnolias*.



Charlie's Angels

The sign of a great television show turned movie is the ability to make fun of itself. *Angel's* never tried to be an *Angela's Ashes* or an *American Beauty*.

It made a point of exploiting its female stars just as the original series did to Farrah Fawcett and Kate Jackson. This intentional exploitation was clever and added to the tounge-in-cheek feel of the feature.

Picking a jewel of the cast is much more difficult. Diaz, Lui and Barrymore were interesting to watch and had an undeniable charming chemistry. But if I were forced to choose, Lui's straight-laced and romantically challenged Alex would be my pick for best character. And, Bill Murray surprisingly made a great Bosley.

The Current Sauce Top 25

1.	*Independent Woman*	**Destiny's Child*
2.	Black Jesus	*Everlast*
3.	Rollin'	*Limp Bizkit*
4.	That's the Beat of the Heart	Warren Bros. feat. *Sara Evans*
5.	Minority	*Green Day*
6.	Still	*Macy Gray*
7.	Leaving Town	*Dexter Freebish*
8.	Rock DJ	*Robbie Williams*
9.	This I Promise You	*'N Sync*
10.	E.I.	*Nelly*
11.	AM Radio	*Everclear*
12.	Stan	*Eminem*
13.	I Need You	*Leanne Rimes*
14.	Oooh Child	*Cyndi Lauper and Destiny's Child*
15.	You're a god	*Vertical Horizon*
16.	Teenage Dirtbag	*Wheatus*
17.	Danger (Been So Long)	*Mystikal*
18.	Pinch Me	*Barenaked Ladies*
19.	Incomplete	*Sisqo*
20.	Come On Over	*Christina Aguilera feat. Fred Durst*
21.	The Way You Love Me	*Faith Hill*
22.	Last Resort	*Papa Roach*
23.	The Way I Am	*Eminem*
24.	Promise	*Eve 6*
25.	Wonderful	*Everclear*

Bulls and blood, dust and mud: *Meet the NSU Rodeo Team*

Mindy Mixon
LIFE Reporter

Cowboy Up. Ride Hard. Saddle Up. These terms would most likely be unfamiliar to those not associated with the sport of rodeo, but to the six members on the Northwestern Rodeo Team this constitutes everyday language.

Those unfamiliar with the terms of rodeo, help is here. The Rodeo Team travels to five rodeos a semester and competes in the Southern Region. The Southern Region is basically made up of all the same schools that the football team plays against such as Sam Houston, Stephen F. Austin, and McNeese State University. Every rodeo team rider has only four years of eligibility like other school sports.

The rivalry, however, is not near as fierce in the sport of rodeoing as it is in football.

"Everybody hangs out with everybody at the rodeos," said Senior Stacy Elias. "You never know who you'll need down the road."

The top two finishers of each event at each rodeo advance to the finals. Rodeoing isn't all fun and games. These cowboys practice almost every day year round.

"Rodeo doesn't have an off-season, so neither do we," declared Elias.

Now I said the team was composed of six members, four boys and two girls. The girl's events are barrel racing, goat tying, and breakaway roping. The boys events are bronc riding, bareback riding, calf roping, team roping, bullriding and steer wrestling.

Barrel racing is three barrels or "cans" set up in the arena and the competitor runs around each of the barrels, following the pre-set pattern as fast as she can. The person with the lowest or fastest score wins the event. Goat tying occurs when a goat is staked at one end of the arena and the contestant rides her horse from the opposite end of the arena towards the goat, dismounts her horse and proceeds to tie the goats legs together. Once again, the person who can do this fastest, wins the money.

Finally, breakaway roping is when the girl is lined up in the ropers box, with the calf in the chute, and she literally ropes the neck of the calf. She then lets go of the rope, the horse abruptly halts, and her rope "breaks away" from her saddle horn. These events do not in any way harm the animals. As a matter of fact, active rodeo competitors generally take much better care of their animals than average pet owners do.

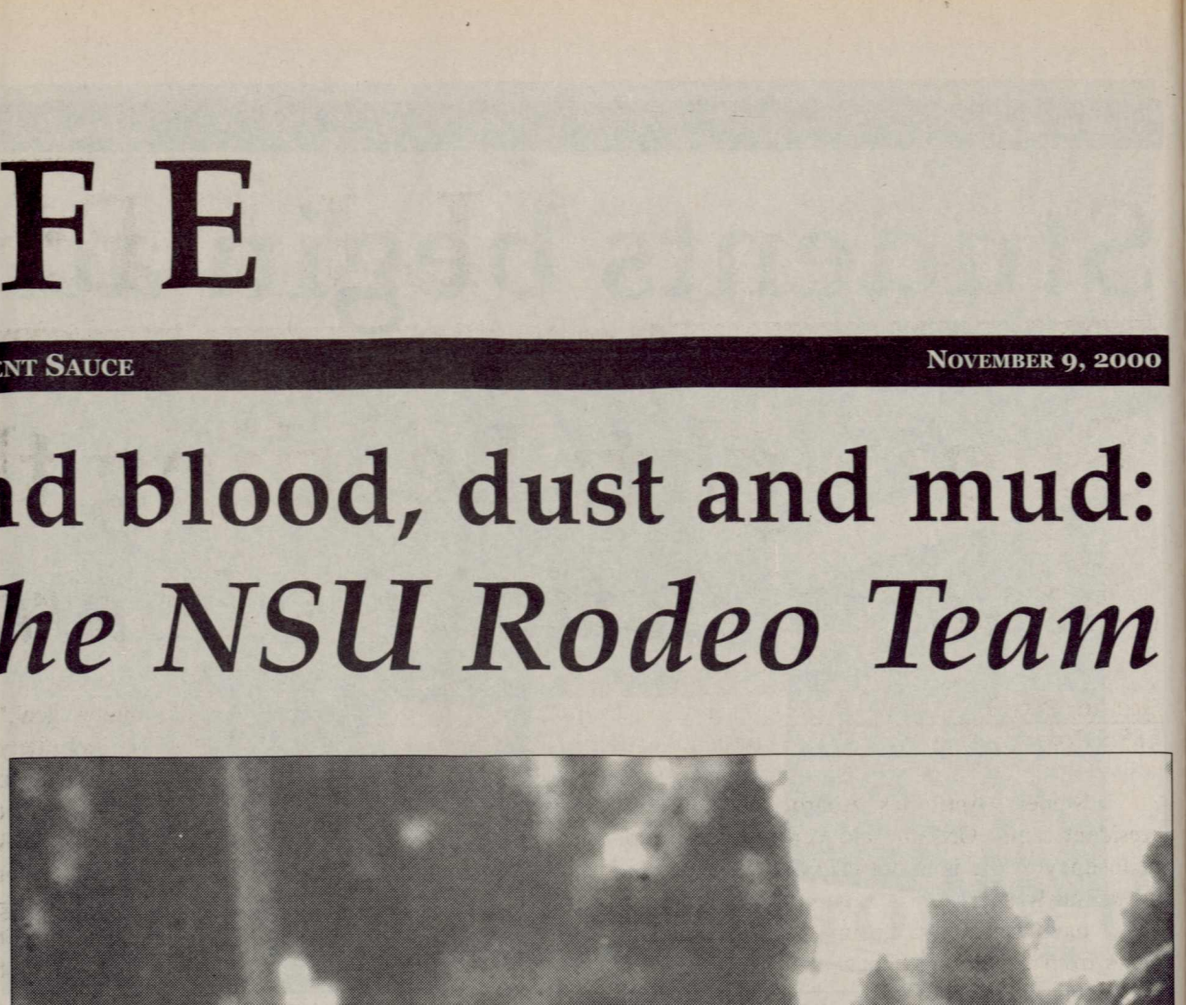


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Lane Holland, member of the NSU Rodeo Team, wrangles a steer last year at a rodeo competition in Cheyenne, Wyo. The team's season consists of 10 rodeos, with five each semester. The little known team is hoping for success.

Bronc and Bareback riding are essentially the same concept, where the male sits on top of a horse with a rope in his flank (Horses do not like this. It's the equivalent of a human being viciously tickled.) and he must stay on top of the animal for eight seconds. At least one arm must be held in the air at all times, so the contestant can only hold on with one hand. Now, in Bronc Riding there is a miniature version of a saddle that the riders sit on, however, bareback riding is just like it sounds.

You ride the horse bareback. These events are scored by judges who give the smoothest rider the best score. Calf roping is comparable to Breakaway roping (see above) except once the man has roped the calves neck, he dismounts from his horse and ties the legs together as fast as possible. Team roping involves two ropers, one ropes the horns of the steer, and the other ropes the two hind feet. Bullriding, one of the more dangerous events, includes a man riding a crazed bull for eight seconds. A panel judges his performance during those eight seconds and a score is given. The highest score wins the event. Finally steer wrestling consists of two riders who ride side by side with a steer in the middle. The rider on the left leaps off his horse while the horse is full speed and grabs the steer by the horns.

Next, the rodeo competitor literally wrestles the animal to the ground using his arm strength to pull down on the animal and his leg strength to slow down the momentum of himself and the steer.

Now only six contestants from Northwestern doesn't sound like much, but many members compete in more than one event.

"We are in a building stage right now, we aren't very big but we have consistently sent someone to the College Finals every year," says Elias.

Recently, the Rodeo and Rowing Team have come under fire from the Student Government Association who questions why the Rodeo Team needs their portion of the school fees and complains that the team isn't visible enough on campus. Elias retorts, "They (SGA) say that we aren't visible like the rowing team but we have tried in the past to use the facilities at school and have been turned down. A few weeks ago every member of the Rodeo Team competed in the LRA rodeo at the State Fair and if people wanted to view us, they could have come. We are visible, people just aren't looking in the right places."

The fees that every student gives to the rodeo team goes toward gas, entry fees and sending a member to the Finals. The members still have to pay for all their own equipment, horses, trucks, horse trailers, and horse feed which easily escalates into the tens of thousands. "To save money we all travel together," Elias explains.

"We are extremely tight with money. If we feel people aren't making the effort to win and get points for the team, their money is cut off."

The Team is traveling to Nacodoghes, Texas this Friday for an all-weekend rodeo in the Piney Woods Arena.

After retirement Canadian Crooner Dion still making magic and miracles

Randall S. Frederick
LIFE Reporter

Last year, Grammy Award winner Celine Dion announced her plans to retire from music, if only temporarily.

Several factors attributed to her wanting to leave the stage. Her husband and manager, Rene Angelil, was having severe health problems, and due to her soldout world tour, she was not able to attend fully to his needs. During the tour, she turned inward, away from her husband for the first time in years, and realized she had sacrificed too much of her life, missing out on what was important,. Love. One of the other major factors in her decision were several failed attempts at pregnancy

. Although she had little time to devote to a little one, Celine grew up in a very large family. A family where lack of money and hunger with her thirteen siblings was ordinary. So, when she continually miscarried,
and eventually her reproductive organs "shut down". She felt a deep emotional loss. In addition, Rene was reaching the end of his potent years. Celine felt if she continued with her busy life, she would completely miss out on her familial wants and desires.

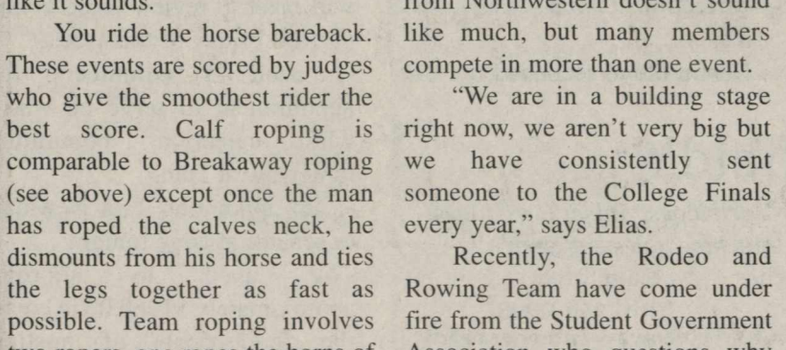


Photo By Andre' Rau

Her Heart will go on.

To the shock of the music industry and her fans, Celine announced plans to withdraw from her fame and not return until she felt her life was balanced.

This week, her autobiography, "My Story, My Dream" hit stores across the country, and again, her fans were shocked, but this time for the better. The book tells of her childhood, her rise to fame, her evolving relationship with Rene, and finally, in the last chapter, Celine announces that she is pregnant with a boy. The news was carefully orchestrated to be kept mum by the publisher, HarperCollins Publishers, Inc. In it, Celine says she is full of joy at the miracle.

She prays for the happiness and well being of her son, and can't wait for the joy of his birth to be able to get to know him.

Spotlight: Leading the "Activities People"

Student Activities Board President Sarah Griffith

Heather Patton
LIFE Reporter

Student Activities Board president Sarah Griffith said her philosophy in life is to not take it too seriously.

"I have a signature on my e-mails from Oscar Wilde that says 'life is too short to take seriously'," Griffith said. "That statement has a lot to do with my grandfather dying when I was 8yrs. old. You notice that life goes by so fast, it's just too short to stress out about stuff. I don't understand people who don't speak to someone because they think they're better than you. You should talk to them because you never know what could happen later on. Dealing with death at such a young age has taught me a lot."

Griffith said she feels that this is one reason why others feel so comfortable coming to her when they are hurt or upset. She said she feels that she can understand where they are coming from because she has been there. Griffith said that her best friend Stacy Thompson helps her keep it together when times get tough and that she is the a very important person in Griffith's life.

Griffith is from Johnson Bayou, near Lake Charles, La. She has been on SAB for 2 years prior to becoming SAB president this fall. She is involved in the Spanish Club, Purple Jackets, Phi Mu, and the English honor society, Sigma Tau Delta. She is the oldest of three children. She has a sister who wants to be a track star and Demon Dazzler for NSU, and her younger brother is an aspiring rodeo man. Griffith is an English major with an emphasis in professional writing.

"When I was little, I loved writing," Griffith said. "I loved using your imagination and putting it on paper."

Griffith was originally a political science major, but decided that she enjoyed her English and speech classes more and changed her major. Sarah's goal is to get into law school in corporate law where she hopes to become a judge one day. She said her experience on the SAB has helped her in her leadership abilities. She also said that seeing past SAB presidents go far in their lives gives her comfort that there is life outside of school.

"Being SAB president has helped me to lead different types of people to a common goal," Griffith said. "I'm definitely learning to deal with conflicts in this job. You just have to do what you feel is right. I love SAB because it helps me to meet different people. I also like seeing events start from an idea and see it carried out. We can all learn a lot from each other."

Griffith was in an art program from elementary thru high school and likes to paint in her spare time. She also prides herself in giving her friends little pick-me-ups.

"I give my friends little candy with notes like 'Smartees cause you're smart' or 'Jolly Ranchers to keep you smiling'," Griffith said.

Griffith said that sometimes all of the activities can be overwhelming, but she remembers her goal to make it.

"I came from such a small town," Griffith said. "My graduating class was 10 people and half of them were my cousins. I was told that my best bet for college would be McNeese because I would never make it anywhere else; that the world was too big. So if someone tells me that I can't do something, I want to do my best to prove them wrong."



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Student Activities Board President Sarah Griffith (far right) takes a few seconds to relax with other Homecoming Court members Jamie Hughes, April Jordan, Michelle Myers and Allison Nunely during the Lip Sync and Homecoming Hunnie contests.

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Sports



The Southland Conference champions lost to Montana 6-0.

Soccer team falls to Montana 6-0

By Cooda Dobin
Sauce Reporter

In hopes of winning the NCAA Tournament, the Northwestern State soccer team fell one game shy to the University of Montana, 6-0 Saturday afternoon.

"We still got a ways to go, but this gave us something to work for," said head coach Jimmy Mitchell. "Going to Montana showed us that we're not at the level we want to be but it showed us a level we can be at."

The Demons were last shutout at LSU, now this loss ends the nine-game winning streak.

"We have a lot of young players as well as a lot of returning players," said Mitchell. "But it's good to see our confidence level get to a point that we can experience that success very well.

Qualifying for their second consecutive NCAA Women's College Cup the Grizzlies were very speedy and NSU could not convert on their few opportunities to keep them in the game. First-team All-Southland Conference selection goalie Tiffany Swingler kept the Demons in the game by contributing a total of six key saves.

The score remained 0-0 through the first 20 minutes, 2-0 through the half, the Grizzles scored again at the 52-minute mark 3-0 and they never looked back.

See "soccer" PG. 7

Demons smash World Class Sports; Lady Demons scrimmage next

Senior forward Chris Thompson and junior forward Chris Lynch each scored 17 points Thursday night as Northwestern State whipped World Class Sports 95-81 in a preseason basketball exhibition game at Prather Coliseum.

Thompson added 12 rebounds for the Demons, 17-13 last year and picked to win the Southland Conference by several preseason publications.

Senior point guard Josh Hancock added 11 points, 5 assists and 4 steals before spraining his right knee. The injury will sideline him for at least two weeks, said coach Mike McConathy.

Junior guard Michael Byars-Dawson of NSU led both teams with 8 assists as the Demons piled up 31. Lynch sank 7 of 10 shots from the field.

Jerome Vaden, a former Oregon State player, led World Class Sports with 25 points while Kevin Hunt added 17 and Jason Stewart 14.

Northwestern shot 51 percent (35-69) including 65 percent (17-26) in building a 51-32 halftime lead. After trailing by as much as 24 points, the visitors pulled within 77-69 with 5:04 to go before the Demons reeled off six straight points, with Pooh Davis scoring twice and contributing an assist, to regain control.

"We gradually lost concentration after Josh went out," said McConathy. "I know that I did. He is a very important cog in our team and him getting hurt stunned us.

"We showed some signs of being a very capable team, certainly one that will be able to play faster than we did last year," he said. "It's only two weeks into practice and we have a lot of improving to do, but I was very pleased with the effort and the enthusiasm and most of all the unselfishness we showed tonight."

Lynch scored on three straight slam dunks in a 25-second burst during the final minute to stretch the margin out to 93-76 with 29 seconds to go.

The Demons play again Monday Nov. 13, against VASDA USA in Prather Coliseum.



Michael Byars- Dawson scoring two of his 31 points. Gary Hardamon/NSU Press

Lady Demons face Louisiana Heat Wave Sunday

Current Sauce Staff Reports

The Guys have had their turn, now it's time for the Lady Demons to step on the floor.

The Lady Demon basketball team is set to make its run to the Southland conference title, opening up exhibition play this Sunday against the Louisiana Heat Wave.

The game starts at 2 p.m. Admission is free to the public.

The Lady Demons, return to play with four seniors from last year's squad, which advanced to the finals of the Southland Conference Tournament finals.

A key question mark will be how the Lady Demons fare without four-year starter and former conference player of the year Judy Clark.

Along with experience from graduate student Kia Converse, the Lady Demons are looking for youth to fill in those spots. Transfer Angela Davidson and redshirt freshman LaTerrica Dobin , along with returning seniors Nikki Vernon and Jamila Newman will be key for the Lady Demons.

Expect to see just about every Lady Demon player get some type of playing time Sunday. Also expect to see and up and down, fast-paced tune up game for the rest of the year for the Lady Demons.

After Sunday's game, the Lady Demons will kick off the regular season Nov. 17 against Southern Arkansas.

If You Go...

NSU Lady Demons V. Louisiana Heat Wave

Sunday, Nov. 12
2:00 p.m.
Prather Coliseum

The game is an exhibition. Attendance is free for this game.

Demons and Lady Demons land high school signees

By Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

Both the Demon and Lady demon basketball programs added depth to next year's squads landing a total of six new recruits for the programs.

Four men and two women, along with two junior college transfers signed with NSU on the first day of basketball signing today yesterday.

The Lady Demons added a top recruit from Texas. 6-5 Center Ashley Sparkman was among one of the top 40 Texas high school seniors. The Longview, Texas senior set a Texas 5A record with 227 blocks in her junior season. She was the defensive MVP in district 12-5A.

Also joining the Lady Demons is Simpson High School senior Amanda Bennett. The 5-11 guard was is a three-time All-State Class C as well as the 1999 Sweet 16 Class C MVP.

Bennett is on pace to break the school boy's and girl's scoring record. She is also on pace to score more than 3,000 points.

The Demon recruits are highlighted by Western Oklahoma transfer Carl Jones, a 6-9 Center who scored 10 points and 8 rebounds per game.

"Jones will provide and inside presence at both ends of the floor," said W.Oklahoma head coach Wade Scott.

David Henderson joins Chris Thompson as one of Coach McConathy's Bossier Parish CC recruits. Henderson is a 6-5 guard who scored 15 ppg at BPCC last season.

Darnell Bradley, 6-5 guard from Leesville, averaged 19 points and 10 rebounds in his senior season. Bradley made first team All-State for Class 4A.

Bradley was also a two-year All-District.

Byron Allen, a 6-7 power forward from Leland High School in Mississippi, averaged 18 points and 10 rebounds a game at Leland.

Leland was featured on CNN's "Play of the Day," after breaking a rim on a slam dunk.

Demon Signees

The first day to sign basketball players was yesterday, and the Demons picked up six new players.

Byron Allen
6-7 245 lb. PF
Leland (Miss.) HS

Darnell Bradley
6-5 195. G
Leesville HS

David Henderson
6-5 G
Bossier Parish CC

Carl Jones
6-9 243 lb. Center
Western Oklahoma St.

Lady Demon Signees

Ashley Sparkman
6-5 C
Longview (TX) HS

Amanda Bennett
5-11 G/F
Simpson HS

Demon football still ranked; faces Sam Houston Saturday

Despite losing for the second straight week, Northwestern State remained ranked among the top 20 Division I-AA football teams in all three major polls released Monday.

The Demons were No. 17 in the TeamLink/CFAA poll of I-AA athletic directors and sports information directors and stood 18th in the Sports Network media voting and the ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll.

Northwestern, hampered by injuries to offensive line stalwarts Albert Traylor and Gene Tennison, could not muster a fourth-quarter touchdown on a rain-soaked field and fell 28-24 Saturday at Jacksonville State. Traylor and Tennison are expected to return to the starting lineup in time for Saturday afternoon's game against Sam Houston State in Turpin Stadium.

Sixteen teams qualify for the Division I-AA playoffs beginning Nov. 25. Northwestern (6-3 overall, 3-2 in the Southland Football League) could make a third playoff appearance in four seasons if it can win its two remaining games against Sam Houston State (6-3, 3-2) and Nov. 18 at Stephen F. Austin (5-4, 2-3).

Northwestern was among three Southland teams ranked in the top 25 and the Demons own wins over the other two, strengthening their credentials for a playoff invitation if they can capture their last two games of the season. Troy State (7-2, 4-1) climbed to No. 3 in two polls while McNeese State (7-2) is ranked 16th in all three. Those teams meet Saturday afternoon in Troy, Ala., with at least a share of the conference title at stake.

Another Louisiana team, Grambling State (9-1) moved up to 12th in two polls and 13th in the other on Monday.

The polls underwent a major reshuffling as six of last week's top 10 teams, including the Demons, were upset Saturday. Montana (9-1) took over the No. 1 spot and Youngstown State (8-1) is the new No. 2 as three of the top four teams were defeated, including No. 1 Georgia Southern (45-10 by Furman).



Gary Hardamon/NSU Pres
Tony Taylor inches closer to another school record

Soccer team wraps up best season in school history

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An unfortunate loss did not damper the Demons best season in program's history having set nine team records and 12 individual records.

"I think it feels good because it shows that a lot of the hard work has payed off," said Mitchell. "If you putt in all that effort and hard work and you're not getting rewarded for it, it makes you question whether it is worth it or not."

First time in school history have the Demon soccer team go undefeated at Demon Field winning record of 9-0.

"Our girls were to a point that they felt like they could not lose at home," said Mitchell.

"I told them a couple of times we did not play very well but it willed a win and got us through some tough times."

The Demons became the first school in Southland Conference history to sweep both the regular season title and conference tournament title; now winning the tournament title twice, most in conference history.

"We're excited about what we've accomplished at the same time it leaves excitement to the future" said Mitchell.

"I'm real happy for our two seniors they came a long way as freshmen. I don't think they won a regular season game to now enduring and sticking it out to accomplishing a conference and regular season championship."

Demons are fighting for their playoff lives; The Prediction Station speaks on it.



By Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

Quick Talking Points

- Congratulations to both the Demon Soccer team and the Demon Volleyball team on tremendous seasons. I congratulated the soccer team last week, but I felt that both these teams should be applauded for putting together some remarkable season with second-year head coaches Jimmy Mitchell and James Onikeku, respectively. Of course, Volleyball season isn't over. There are still two more games left, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. Oh yeah, to the Volleyball team; How did you like my P.A. on Saturday?

-Will Burks shoots 3-pointers??????

- ????????????????

- Florida has too much power. Not only will they, if they already haven't, elect the new President of the United States, they will decide the National Championship in the Orange Bowl and and they have three teams in the BCS top five, Florida, Miami and Florida State. This has got to be stopped!

Now time for the main course.

I have major football news! I just found this out only a few hours ago. I made a few phone calls, did some researching, sent some emails, and found out that college football games are actually played in 60 full minutes! Yes, a full hour. I had been confused. I thought football games were played in only two minutes, what with watching the Demons trying to pull out another miracle finish.

60 minutes! How bout that?

Yes, I understand that Jacksonville State is a good football team, and I know that last week's venture into Alabama was not the sleepwalking Demons that we've seen at Nicholls and Southwest Texas. In all honesty, there is no reason not to walk out of Jacksonville with a win.

Two weeks ago, the Demons were in the the driver's seat of the Southland conference race.

And they drove the car right off a cliff.

I've talked before about what championship teams do and don't do. Championship teams show courage under fire, something the Demons do well. Championship teams don't get discouraged. The Demons do not. Championship Teams don't make mistakes, something that until last Saturday, the Demons had not been doing.

But championship teams DO NOT lose games they should win. Championship teams cannot expect to only win at home. They have to do it on the road.

And most importantly, championship teams do not try to make arm tackles. The Swarm defense had its bright spots, and I'm not pinning the loss on the defense. There were a lot of missed tackles. Maybe too many. To their credit, injuries have severely hampered the Swarm defense, but a tackle is a tackle is a tackle.

The way the special teams played last week, there should have been no reason not to lose. Jeremy Lofton had big gains and good blocks for most of the night. With the field position the Demons had late in the game, there should have been some touchdowns scored.

Yes, we know that the Demons have amazing comeback abilities, but this team is nowhere near putting together 60 full minutes of football. There is so much talent on this team that Southwest Texas and Jacksonville State should have simply been stepping stones on the way to a glorious year.

Instead, the Demons must win out and hope for the best.

You guys upset yet?

Good. Go out and prove that you can play one full, 60 minute game against Sam Houston.

In fact, I'll make it worth your while. For everyone out there who would like me to shut up and quit being a Monday Night Quarterback, I'll make a deal with you. I'm giving Sam Houston 27 points, because this is one of the best passing offenses in the Southland conference. If the Demons can score at least 37 Saturday, my next column will do nothing but praise the Demons, apologize, kiss up, what ever you want to call it.

I'll risk public humiliation, if that's what it takes, to get the Demons go out and prove me wrong.

In the meantime, the divorce papers have been filed...

Demons 14, Sam Houston 27

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Rodeo Update

By Mindy Mixon

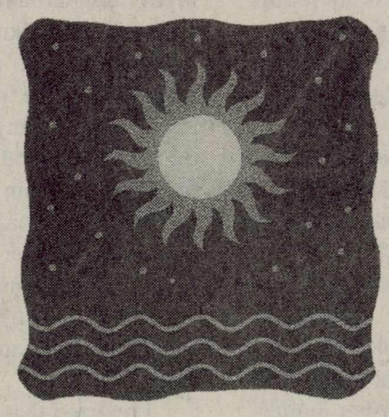
NSU's Rodeo Team traveled nine hours to Kingsville, Texas to compete in another Southern Region College Rodeo.

Bullrider Stewart Mudge and Steer Wrestler Lee Hixson advanced to the Short Round in their respective events. Senior Stacy Elias placed second in the Goat Tying event and won second in the average.

This upcoming weekend, the Rodeo Team will compete a little closer to home in Nacodoches, Texas. The event will take place all weekend at the Piney Woods Rodeo Arena.

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Opinions

The Human Mistake: Part eight

God's little hood ornament
Sauce columnists

The following is an ongoing series written by a student at the University.

When we last left our hero he just found out his mother had died and he was walking kind of aimlessly away from the hospital.

I didn't make it out of the parking lot. My aunt and uncle were arriving at that moment and they stopped the car. I told them the bad news and they hugged me, put me in the car and took me back to my house. I imagine I was a little hysterical. I can only remember thing how strange it was that I was able to keep so calm.

When I got home my house was full of people. I was just trying to make it to my room but just kept being stopped by sober looking adults I hardly knew who all had something supportive to say.

"I just want you to know if there's any thing I can do...."

"We just wanted to tell you we are so sorry...."

"My door is always open...."

"I just heard...."

"Bla bla bla bla....."

"Murmer Murmer mutter murmer...."

"Buzzzzzz...."

Who cared? Who were these people? Have I ever seen any of them before? Would I care if I never saw them again?

I went to my room to stare at the wall for the next few hours. I didn't feel anything but confusion and guilt. Confusion because I couldn't feel anything at all about what was going on and guilt because I wasn't feeling absolutely terrible.

"I didn't feel anything but confusion and guilt.

That night was the wake and most of my many brothers and sisters had made it to town by then and I was just doing my best to avoid them. Their presence made me uncomfortable. I kept feeling like they were staring at me.

Plagued with guilt is not the word. I spent a couple of hours that night riding around with a couple of kids I knew from school, pissed off as hell screaming at the top of my lungs, blaming anybody I could think of, the ambulance people for being so damn late, the doctor I guess for being a butcher, my father for just running around and not doing anything productive, but eventually I got around to the inevitable.

Confusion because I couldn't feel anything ...

I realized that the whole time my mother was dying, I was sitting on a bed wondering what life would be like without a mother. I didn't care until it was way too late. I was just staring at the glove compartment of the truck I was riding in thinking to myself, "Be careful what you wish for...." I didn't want to go to the wake. I didn't want to go home. I couldn't face my family.

After about an hour or so in the truck, I was the sole cause of my mother's death and could not be told otherwise. I hated everybody for killing my mother and I hated myself for not caring until it was over.

Then I thought about the fact that my mom had already had a pretty big hand in raising eight other children and about how she was so important in so many people's lives and how it was very possible that my existence was the very straw that sort of overloaded the circuits of her soul. If I didn't kill her with my inaction that morning, chances are I slowly poisoned her by being alive. My constant emotional demands sucked the life out of her one day at a time.

and guilt because I wasn't feeling absolutely terrible."

The funeral was a drag. There was somewhere around four million people who's life my mom had touched in some way sitting around and crying. And as far as I was concerned it was all my fault for one reason or another. The worst thing however was that I still wasn't sad. I wondered if there was something wrong with me that I was not crying. And I didn't cry at the funeral, I just sat in the row of chairs up front with my arm around my older sister's shoulder.

When they started lowering the casket, my father asked me if there was anything wrong. I replied, "No, but I think that's wrong, I don't know."

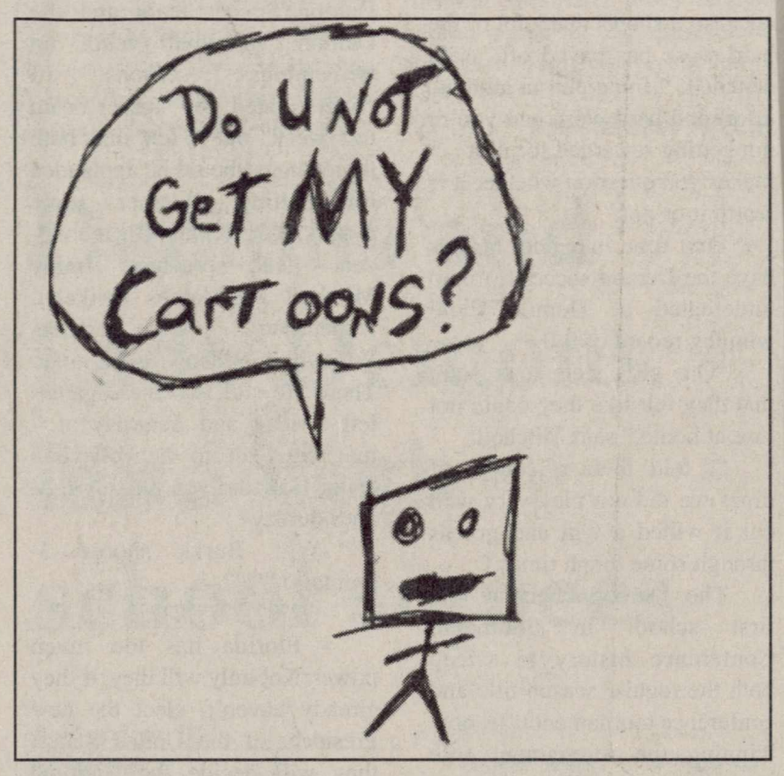
He didn't say anything else to me for the rest of the day.

And people were around. It wasn't as difficult as I thought it would be at first, because there were always people around, always someone else I could pay attention to besides myself. That lasted about a week.

Afterwards, people stopped checking in, family started going home and I realized that my mother was not going to be around to calm my father down any more. And it seemed he was going to be even less stable than I have ever seen him. Even worse, I was going to be spending a lot of time with someone I didn't want to see at all. I did not anticipate the coming months of solitude and had no idea just how lonely I would get.

Uno Karma

with
Tony Blanco
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Mat Nagy



Letters to the Editor

Dear Readers,

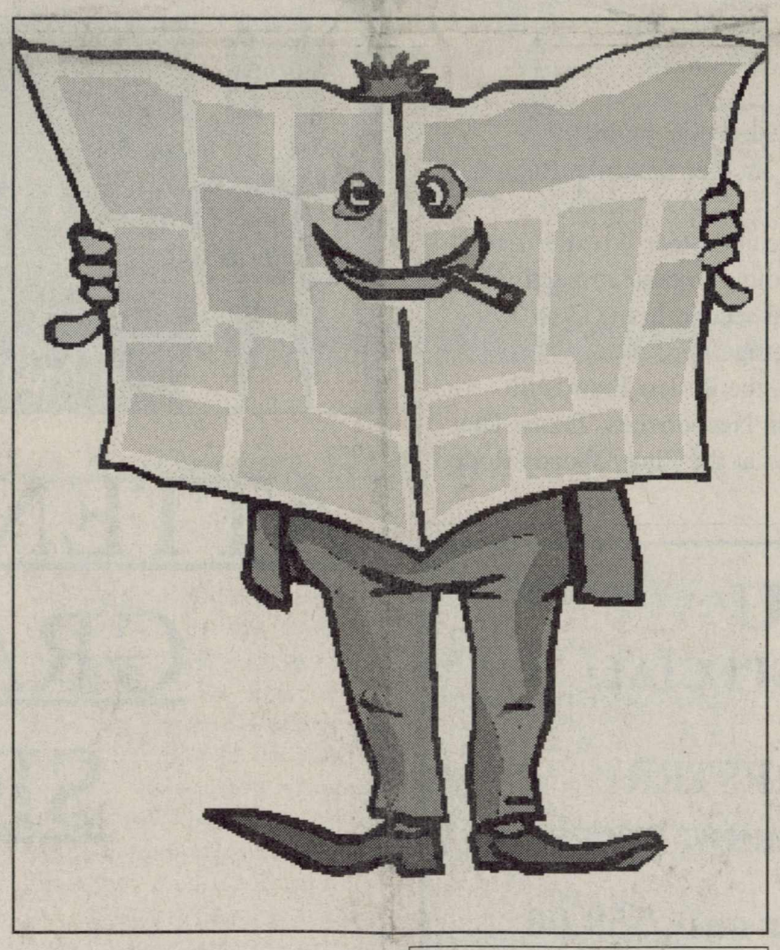
There is noting more satisfying about my job, than when I get to hear from you. I always feel a spark of joy when I check my e-mail and have something from you. I get excited--somebody is actually reading my page! Please keep writing. Each letter written helps me to know what you, the reader want on the page. It also gives me something to think about. If you like something, write me. If you don't, write me still.

The semester is coming to an end, and I need to know what you want to see from this page. Do you like the articles written? Do you want to write for the page? Perhaps I have not mentioned it, but some of my writers are actually paid. What do you think about that.

So, make me laugh, or make me cry, but don't bore me. I want to hear from you. If you are interested in writing for the opinions page next semester, not everyone will be paid (sorry), start sending in work. This can be a wonderful experience. It can also be impressive on a resume (hint, hint). Really, employers want to know that their employees are literate. Besides, where else can you speak to a vast audience with the comfort of them not knowing who you are.

You know you want to. Just do it; everybody else is.

Mary Freeman
Opinions Editor



Re: The Human Mistake

After seeing "The Human Mistake" every week in the Opinion's page of the Current Sauce, I have but one question to who ever claims to be "God's little Hood Ornament." That question is who cares?

I certainly don't. I mean, why would anyone care about someone as screwed up as this person. I think this column is a waste of space and a waste of the writer's time. I mean, can't this person do us all a favor and buy a life.

Look, if your life is that bad, do what the rest of us do; pay a shrink thousands of dollars a lay out on a coach and work this out in therapy. A least you'll be talking to someone who pretends to care. I'm sure nobody wants to read about all my problems every single week, why should I be forced to listen to yours.

And to the Current Sauce staff, why are you running this person's baggage every week. I want to see some actual "opinions" on the opinions page, not listen to someone whine about how cruel life is. There are plenty of issues that I would love to see where the Student Newspaper of Northwestern stands on.

And as for "God's Little Hood Ornament," the Yellow Pages has lots of listings of shrinks in the area. Fell free to check some of them out.

- Brock Clayson

Response to Shannon Hymes - A Woman's Voice

A Man's Eyes

To all of the women out there who like to smoke crack.

What you write in the paper is all nonsense garbage. I am not afraid to love somebody. No, I am afraid of terrorists and car bombs. I am afraid that fruits like you walk the streets everyday.

Ugly women are usually the ones who complain cause they can't get none. So I says to you put a mask or piggly wiggly grocery sack over your ugly acne infested face and find a man with low standards.

Honey, what you need is some good man-lovin.

Sincerely
Jack H. Dandy

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Last year's contestants pay homage to Miss LOB 1999 Shelley Colvin (seated) before the pageant. February's pageant will be the 42nd annual pageant and a record nine participants will compete for the Bracelet.

Lady of the Bracelet contestants chosen

9 students chosen to compete in 42nd annual pageant

By Bess Renfrow
Sauce Reporter

The Student Activities Board has announced the nine contestants for the 42nd annual Northwestern Miss Lady of the Bracelet pageant to be held Feb. 2.

The nine contestants are junior Shelli Briery, sophomore Sabrina Darbone, sophomore Amaris Davidson, junior Kristen Holley, freshman Alexis Mims, senior Racheal Morgan, sophomore Amber Rhyne, sophomore Stephanie Sperry and freshman Crystal Whitman.

The pageant is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium in the Fine Arts Building.

In addition to the nine contestants, entertainment has been lined up from the Northwestern Demon Dazzlers, the Northwestern Jazz Band and the Northwestern Theatre Department.

LOB 2001 contestants

Shelli Briery, junior
Sabrina Darbone, sophomore
Amaris Davidson, sophomore
Kristen Holley, junior
Alexis Mims, freshman
Racheal Morgan, senior
Amber Rhyne, sophomore
Stephanie Sperry, sophomore
Crystal Whitman, freshman

"The reason this pageant has the reputation that it has is because of the help and hard work of the theatre and music departments", said Susanna Deshotels, assistant director of student activities.

There are four preliminary categories: talent, which counts as forty percent, an eight-minute interview, which counts as thirty percent, and evening gown and swimsuit, both of which count as fifteen percent.

The winner of the Lady of the Bracelet pageant receives a full scholarship from the Admissions Office, free textbooks from the University Bookstore, a full meal plan from Aramark and a five hundred dollar cash prize from the Student Activities Board.

The first runner-up also receives a scholarship from the Admissions Office. There is also a People's Choice Award given. This is only the second year this award has been presented.

The audience will vote during intermission for their choice based on the talent competition. The recipient of the People's Choice Award will receive a two-hundred and fifty dollar scholarship from the family of Liz Carroll.

Before her death in 1999, Carroll was assistant director of student activities for Northwestern and played an important role in the Lady of the Bracelet pageant.

The first Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet was crowned in 1959.

As reigning Lady of the Bracelet, she received the signature solid gold bracelet to wear when representing Northwestern in public.

In 1971, the Student Union Governing Board (what is today the Student Activities Board), with the help of Robert Wilson Sr., purchased the first franchise from the Miss Louisiana Pageant. In turn, this purchase allowed the current Lady of the Bracelet to enter the Miss Louisiana state contest.

University Residence Halls to receive 37 microwaves for spring semester

By Debra Treon
Sauce Reporter

The Student Trust Fund Council and the housing office have decided to purchase 37 new microwaves for the residence halls on campus.

"I think it is a great idea to get new microwaves," freshmen Yomaris Figueroa said.

"I am a resident of Sabine and a person can tell that the microwaves are old. The appearance gives it away. We end more microwaves because there is only one microwave per floor and there are over 600 residents. With new microwaves and more than one on each floor, there will not be an inconvenience for any of us,"

The housing office is purchasing 10 microwaves and the Student Trust Fund Council is purchasing 27.

They will be divided between all the dorms. Sabine's microwaves will be removed and replaced with twelve new ones.

Seven will be placed in Rapides. Two will be placed in Bossier, Varnado and Caspari. One will also be place in both Dodd and Boozman.

The plan is to have the microwaves in the dorms by early spring when students return.

The student trust fund council consists of the SGA President David Gunn, SAB president Sarah Griffith, editor of the Current Sauce Josh Beavers, Blue Key president Rusty Broussard, Purple Jackets president Jamie Hughes, and two members at large selected by the Gunn.

Once a year the group meets to decide how to spend the interest of the account for that year. This year the SGA suggested that the money be spent to purchase new microwaves.

They felt that this was a need in the dorms since there is one microwave on each floor or wing. This equals out to approximately 1 microwave for every 600 students.

Student Government felt this was very inconvenient for the students. Along with the shortage there has been another problem with many of the microwaves breaking down.

Commencement set for Friday

Northwestern will hold its fall commencement exercises Friday, Dec. 15 at 6 p.m. in Prather Coliseum.

The University will honor students who earned degrees during the summer and fall semesters. Honor graduates who earned bachelor's degrees with grade point averages of 3.7 or better will also be recognized.

During the ceremony, students who earned the Board of Regents' Certificate of Excellence will be singled out along with those who received commissions in the U.S. Armed Forces.

J. Stephen Perry, chief of staff to Louisiana Gov. Mike Foster, will be the speaker at Fall Commencement exercises.

Perry is the primary architect of public policy for the governor. He manages the Office of the Governor, its staff and agencies. Perry also coordinates and oversees all cabinet offices, departments and agencies of government.

His previous experience includes serving as chief staff person on the Louisiana Senate Commerce Committee.

Perry served as deputy secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism under Gov. Dave Treen. In that role, he oversaw state parks, tourism, libraries, museums and arts programs.

Perry also was executive director of the Louisiana Museum Foundation. For five years, Perry was owner of an executive search firm in New England. He was also a prehistoric archaeologist working in South America, the U.S. and the Arctic.

Perry holds a Bachelor of Arts in Russian history and a Master of Arts in Anthropology and Archaeology from LSU. He is also a graduate of Harvard University's Senior Executive Management Program.

Due to limited seating in Prather Coliseum, tickets will be required to attend the ceremony. There is no charge for tickets. Each graduate will be given six
tickets.

For more information, contact the NSU Registrar's Office at (318) 357-6171.

74th annual Natchitoches Christmas Festival has a bright first weekend

By Randall S. Frederick
Sauce Reporter

The Christmas Lights Festival was a rousing success, bringing an expected 150,000 tourists and Natchitoches residents to the riverfront for food, fun and fireworks.

The Natchitoches Chamber of Commerce is very pleased with the turnout, but the masses do not come as any surprise. The Festival was recently named one of the Top 100 Things To Do In America by the Bus Association, comprised of tourism bus drivers.

Nick Pollacia, head of the Chamber of Commerce, hopes to see the Festival continuing to prosper and rising on the list.

"Each year it gets better," Pollacia said. "This year was the best one we've ever done, I think. The music was better; the entertainment was better; the lights were better; the fireworks were better. Everything just keeps getting better."

The music and entertainment was perhaps the most sensational part of the all-day celebration that goes on into the early hours of the next morning.

Former Natchitoches resident and rising star on the country music charts, Trini Triggs, was present to give his friends and family a concert. Along with Triggs was rock group, Dr. Hook.

The Kids Park was moved back a street to the corner of 2nd and Lafayette Street, providing more space and room for ride lines and cotton candy carts. But did this move give more room to tourists and residents on the riverfront?

One prominent Natchitoches resident, who wishes to be left anonymous, said, "No. Not at all. The crowd control is always a big thing. We didn't even stay for the fireworks, it was so crowded."

But the crowds didn't seem to matter that much when it came to the booths and parades.

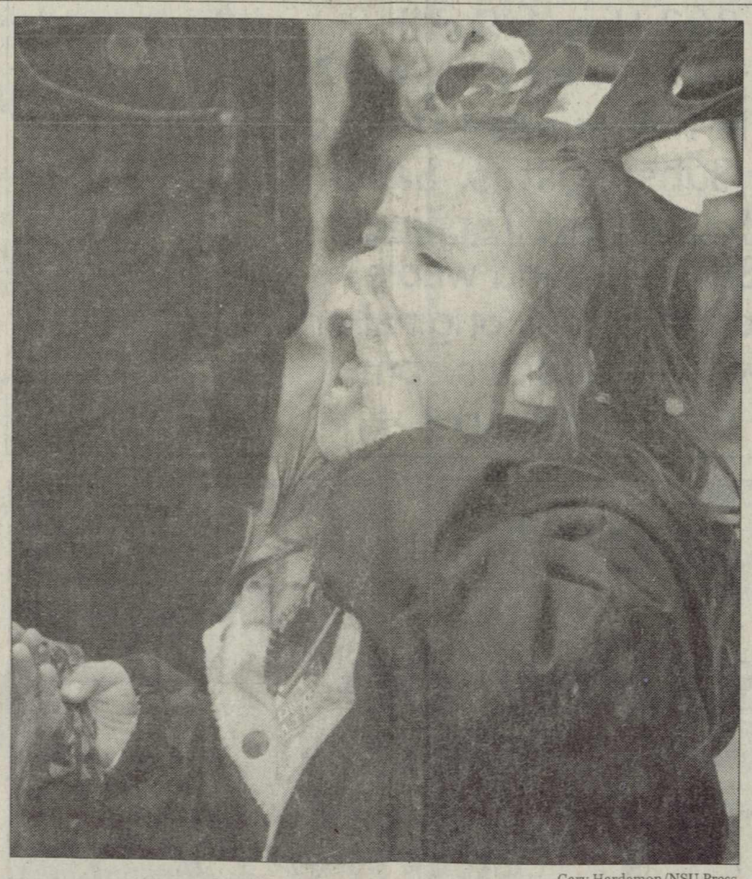
"This was the first I'd been to in a while," continued the anonymous resident, "But the parade was better than the last one I remember. It had more floats, more bands. I saw the little boy [Hunter Hayes], and he was good! Saw Dr. Hook too!"

A problem among residents of the city is the three dollar charge implemented last year.

Although the charge helps to pay for the costs, the Festival causes, such as cleaning crews, bringing in better entertainment acts for following years and fireworks, many residents disagree with the charge and think it inappropriate.

Last year when the charge was set for the riverfront, many residents walked to the other end and slipped past chargers and police. This year, the police tried even harder to get residents to pay the fee.

"People were coming in and out and not paying. They [the police] were stopping other individuals, harassing them and wouldn't let them go any further until they paid." said an anonymous resident. "Now, I personally don't think it's right, but I saw them stop a good ten or fifteen people doing that."



Gary Hardamon/NSU Press

Natchitoches resident Karah Davis calls out for some candy during the Christmas Festival parade last Saturday. In its 74th year, the Natchitoches Christmas Festival has become a world famous event.

Final Examination Schedule

Thursday, December 7:
8:00 - 10:30 All sections of:
ENGL 0910, 0920, 1010, 1020
SCTT 1810-20, 2810-20
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11:00 - 1:30, 11:00 TR classes
2:00 - 4:30, 2:00 TR classes
5:30 - 8:00, 3:30 TR classes
Thursday night classes

Friday, December 8:
8:00 - 10:30, 8:00 MWF & MW classes
11:00 - 1:30, All sections of:
MATH 0910, 0920, 1020, 1060
2:00 - 4:30 12:00 MWF & MW classes
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Saturday, December 9:
Saturday classes - Please arrange exam times with your instructor.

Monday, December 11:
8:00 - 10:30, 9:00 MWF and MW classes
11:00 - 1:30, 11:00 MWF and MW classes
2:00 - 4:30, 1:00 MWF and MW classes
5:30 - 8:00, 3:00 MWF and MW classes
Monday night classes

Tuesday, December 12:
8:00 - 10:30, 8:00 TR classes
11:00 - 1:30, 10:00 MWF and MW classes 2:00 - 4:30 12:30, TR classes
5:30 - 8:00, 4:00 MWF and MW classes
Tuesday night classes

Wednesday, December 13:
8:00 - 10:30, 9:30 TR classes
11:00 - 1:30, 2:00 MWF and MW classes, 2:30 MW classes

What if Gov. Foster was one of us?

Life as a student for the governor has been mostly ordinary.

Gov. Mike Foster enrolled in the Southern University Law Center this year and will take his final exams this week.

During the semester, he got escorted to classes by his bodyguard, raised his hand to ask questions, wore blue jeans and was treated like everybody else, students said.

There were a few odd moments, too. For instance, Foster found himself in the same class as George Cravins, the nephew of state Sen. Don Cravins, D-Arnaudville, one of the most vocal critics of the Foster administration.

``One day they called the name 'Cravins' while taking the roll, and I responded. He looked over at me and he said, 'You're not any relation to Sen. Donald Cravins, right?' And I said, 'Yes, sir, that's my uncle.' And he just gave me the most perplexed look,'' Cravins said. ``I swear, man, it was pretty funny. And my uncle got a kick out of it, too, when I told him later,'' he said.

But mostly classes have gone smoothly for the 70-year-old Republican governor.

``Every morning, he comes into class and sits down, just like a regular student. It really doesn't seem like we're taking classes with the governor,'' classmate Bobby Ballard said.

``He is just like a regular student. He raises his hand and asks questions just like the rest of us,'' Ballard said.

Stephanie Possa said, ``He seems to be following along as well as anyone else.''

Going back to school has also been humbling for the governor.

Foster said, ``It's very embarrassing to be called on and say, 'I don't know' in front of 40 to 50 people. Because if you're the governor, you're supposed to know a few things.''

CD-ROM reveals history of Fort St. Jean Baptiste

An interactive tour of Fort St. Jean Baptiste and reenactments of conflicts are only a few of the steps back in time that students in Louisiana history classes will take through a multimedia CD-ROM.

The educational CD, which explores the rivalry between the French, Spanish and Native Americans in Louisiana, was produced by students in the Educational Technology program at Northwestern State University and is available to Louisiana history teachers.

The project, entitled "Rivalry on the Gulf Coast - The French, Spanish and Native Americans in Louisiana," was funded by a grant from the Louisiana Board of Regents' Support Fund.

Through the use of narration, full-color graphics and photos, students are exposed to life at Fort St. Jean Baptiste and the fort's history. They will also learn about Spanish religion and the history of Los Adaes. An interactive timeline tells the events that occurred within specific periods.

The program also features a QuickTime Virtual Reality walk through Fort St. Jean Baptiste, animations, an interactive glossary and biographies and a teacher's manual, including cross-curricular activities, quiz and implementation suggestions.

The CD is available free-of-charge for Louisiana history teachers. It is available in PC or Macintosh format. It can also be previewed online at http://www.tec.nsula.edu.

To request a copy of the CD-ROM, teachers should send a self-addressed stamped CD-ROM mailer to Dr. Bob Gillan, Educational Technology, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, La. 71497. Copies can also be ordered on the Web site.

UL System Board of Supervisors to meet at University this week

The University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors will meet on the campus of Northwestern State University Dec. today and Friday..

The 15-member board oversees eight public universities in Louisiana including Northwestern. Other universities in the University of Louisiana System include: Grambling State University, Louisiana Tech University, McNeese State University, Nicholls State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, University of Louisiana at Lafayette and University of Louisiana at Monroe.

"We look forward to our meeting on Northwestern's campus," said board chairman Andre G. Coudrain of Hammond. "The Board members enjoy meeting outside of Baton Rouge on our university's campuses at least twice a year. These on-site meetings allow the Board an opportunity to learn even more about our universities."

Other board members are Vice Chairman Carl Shetler of Lake Charles, Dr. Edward B. Anders of Natchitoches, Elsie P. Burkhalter and David Gunn of Slidell, Robert C. Davidge and Gordon A. Pugh of Baton Rouge, T. L. "Teddy" Duhé of Houma, Herman Gesser, Jr. , of New Iberia, Tex Kilpatrick of West Monroe, Winfred F. Sibille of Sunset, Eunice W. Smith of New Orleans, Carroll W. Suggs of Metairie, Michael H. Woods of Shreveport and David Wright of Grambling.

"It is both a privilege and a pleasure to host the December meeting of the Board of Supervisors. This fine group of men and women along with the System staff play a major role in advancing our universities and in providing outstanding degree programs and services for our students," said NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb. "We are especially pleased to host the Board, its staff, and leaders from other universities in our System. This will provide us an opportunity to show firsthand the close working relationships that exist between Northwestern and the City of Natchitoches as well as area businesses, schools, and health care organizations."

Committee meetings will begin Thursday, Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. in Room 103 of the New Wing of the A.A. Fredericks Center for Creative and Performing Arts. On Friday morning, committee meetings will start at 8:45 a.m. in Magale Recital Hall. The full Board meeting begins Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Magale Recital Hall.

Campus Connections

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

The SGA offers free scantrons to students every Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 222 of the Student Union. You will need a student I.D. to take advantage. Also, the students may stop by the Book Swap Board to look for books they may need for a cheaper rate.

WESLEY WESTMINSTER FOUNDATION

Students can have lunch at the Wesley Westminister Foundation (between Magee's and The Ink Spot) on Tuesday from 11:30 until 1 p.m. The first visit is free and $1 each time thereafter. Worship services are held from 6:30-7:30 pm each Wednesday.

COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

College Democrats conduct informational meetings every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union.

STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE

Meetings are held every Wednesday at noon in room 224 of Russell Hall. All majors welcome.

SENATE POSITIONS

The SGA has three Senator at Large and two Senior Class Senator positions open. Applications can be picked up in room 222 of the student union and returned to the same room when completed. For more information call 357-4501.

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Meetings are Monday at 3 p.m. in the Archeology lab, Kyser Hall room 212.

TENNIS ANYONE???

The tennis court lights will be turned on every Tuesday and Thursday night until 10 p.m. for those students wishing to play tennis.

CATHOLIC STUDENT ORGANIZATION

The CSO would like to invite all students to join the CSO for fun, fellowship, and a free meal every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church (located on Second Street). You do not have to be Catholic to join in on the fun; every student is welcome. There is also a student Mass held every Sunday at 9:30 p.m.

THE ARGUS

The Argus, the University's literary magazine, is accepting submissions for publication. Submissions may be fiction, non-fiction, poetry, art or screenwriting. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 1. First-, second-, and third-place winners will receive cash prizes for their efforts. Please send submissions to Argus@alpha.nsula.edu.

Correction

In last week's Christmas Festival story Nick Pollacia's, head of the Natchitoches Chamber of the Commerce, name was misspelled. The Sauce regrets the era.

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They can run, but they can't hide

Unless they have moved on to the hereafter, somewhere out there are 47 men and two women who escaped from Louisiana prisons and halfway houses for convicted felons.

The state wants them to know they might be gone, but they are certainly not forgotten. The Department of Corrections has opened a Web site that authorities hope will help them round up the fugitives.

Of the 49 escaped convicts, the state has workable leads on five, said Lt. Col. Eric Sivula, who heads the prison agency's three-member fugitive squad based in Baton Rouge.

``The remainder we need assistance from the public on and that's why we're building the Web site,'' he said.

So far, 11 of the fugitives' pictures and backgrounds are up on the site. Sivula hopes to have a complete rogues' gallery within a few months. The site will not include those who have broken probation or parole. It will be limited to those who have broken out from behind bars or walked away from halfway houses.

The longest-running prison fugitive case is that of Richard McDaniel, who escaped in 1935 from the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola where he was serving a life sentence for murder. If McDaniel is alive, he would be in his mid-80s, so Sivula suspects he is dead.

But the fugitive unit isn't going to give up officially until an escapee is 100 years old.

``There are a couple of our fugitives we plan to do an age enhancement on with their photographs,'' Sivula said. ``That's probably needed if the public is to recognize them.''

After McDaniel, there is one fugitive from 1949, four from the 1950s, five from the '60s, 13 from the '70s, seven from the '80s and eight from the '90s.

The Web site, which opened in late October, is starting with the most recently escaped convicts, where the best chance of capture lies, and working back in time.

``We started the year 2000 with 10 outstanding escapees from 1999 and we're down to one,'' Sivula said. ``We have cleared all the '98s and we have only one from '97, and he's probably in California.''

The advance of technology will tighten the noose around many fugitives, Sivula said.

For example, the fugitive unit got a ``hit'' recently when an escaped convict was fingerprinted after a misdemeanor arrest in California. But it took two weeks for the match to get back to Louisiana _ and, during the interim, California prosecutors dropped their case and released the man.

With a national, instant-match fingerprint system coming on line, that might not be the case in the future.

``In the next two or three years as every state comes on line with new fingerprint technology, we will narrow that time lag considerably,'' Sivula said. ``Regardless of aliases and created life histories, there are so many jobs now that require fingerprints and people will be fingerprinted more for misdemeanor crimes.''

Often, it doesn't take much to get fugitive-hunters on the trail of an escapee.

Cleveland Douglas, who escaped from the Work Training Facility North in central Louisiana in 1982 from a 10-year sentence for forgery and theft, was tracked down and arrested in Chicago after Sivula's squad found activity on a suspicious Social Security number.

``We don't quit,'' Sivula said. ``He probably thought he had it made.''

Although the corrections unit only has three fugitive hunters, Sivula said the right tip can instantly expand that number into thousands.

``We're actually a clearing house,'' Sivula said. ``The fugitive unit is actually every police agency in the United States when weget a tip.''

Book buyback process is in full swing at area bookstores

By Brien Hollkamp
Sauce Reporter

The recompensating or buying back of college books for Campus Corner and the University Bookstore started Monday and will continue until December 15.

"We do buy books back and make sure they are in resalable condition," said University Bookstore manager, Darlene Richardson. Some are being bought back at half price. Some are being bought back at quarter price, and some are not being bought back at all at either store.

Nevertheless, getting money back no matter how little could be considered recompensation for the time and effort that the book was used for. The fact that the book may not be used ever again in one's college career would have one become hesitant in buying every book supposedly needed for that course. The prices of books in the first place has many students upset.

"Publishers are the reason for the high prices. This is a complex industry. We, as bookstores, find it in our best interest to serve the end user which is the student," said Campus Corner store manager Lee Waskom.

Students can be easily disappointed when a book won't be bought back because the editions are changing or because the professor won't be using it for many reasons. The thing is is that the professors and the bookstores aren't always to blame. Students' money towards books are at risk.

Any kind of refund may be out of the question. Books are still bought back. A retail book, which is a book used at NSU only, is bought back for half price.

A wholesale book has value at other campuses which causes its price for being bought back to be quarter price to sometimes forty percent.

Paperbacks cost less to make, therefore they will be bought back at a lower price. "If they buy it back they buy it back. Campus Corner usually buys them back," said NSU student Matt Bartley. A lot of times a student may not know that a certain book may be discontinued and the information in it will be of little value. There is a way to know ahead of time. A student and/or professor can simply get online and see for themselves at Prenticehall.com.

The publishers are the source where the books come from. "If the bookstores, professors, and students got together the problem with certain books would be solved," said Campus Corner manager Lee Waskom.

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LIFE

The View from the Front Row

By Larry Collins
Life Editor

Last but not least

My time as LIFE editor is finally coming to an end. This will be my last paper as I prepare to return to New York City and join the Viacom family at MTV News. I know that I will miss the safety of the Current Sauce and NSU as I struggle to make rent in The Big Apple.

In the past four years, I have seen a great deal of performers come and go from our quaint little theater program. Yes, I am a critic, and I understand that the word critic is poisonous to a fledgling thespian. But, I choose to accent the positive in this last spewing of my opinion.


Plaisance

There are a few actors on this campus that deserve a great deal of praise and you should try to keep an eye on.

I suggest that you get your autographs of Laura West right now before they skyrocket in cost. She is bound for great things. There is a certain subtly to her acting style that is classic and timeless. She takes the audience into the soul of her characters with the most simple of gestures. In the spirit of Kevin Spacey, she realizes that there is no need for grand measures of showmanship in pure theater.

Another the rising talent in this department is freshman Levi Petree. I had heard amazing things about this actor from a mutual friend, but dismissed his talents until I saw him in action. With a few short years of experience under his belt, he will be one of the finest actors to come from the department. For a young/straight actor to have the bravery to take on the part of a homosexual in his first public role is something to be admired. It takes a love for the art of theater to play such a character and play this character well. This dedication to the craft will lead to a fantastic and long career. In a few years he could rival other former NSU theater stand-outs such as my personal favorites, Henry Layton and PJ Davis.

Sabrina Plaisance has caused me to eat crow. I'm not afraid to admit when I am wrong-I WAS WRONG. I dismissed her as just another pretty and talentless face. This is a mistake that I will never make again. After seeing her in action this past year I must comment on her discipline and range as an actress. She adds a certain validity and presence to her roles. The fact that she is gorgeous will only serve to aid her in her career. The same can be said for Karly Pierre.

And finally I must comment on Jordan Paul. If I were to have written this piece about a year ago I would have had a different outlook. From my first viewing of him I thought that his performances were lackluster at best. But what I have noticed is that he improves in each performance that I see. With such a record he can only continue to grow as an actor. He has blossomed from (in my opinion) an awkward bit-player to one of my favorite actors at NSU.

Good luck to each of you. Don't forget that I predicted your success years before the Oscar nominations. And yes, critics can be "nice."

The Current Sauce Top 25

1.	*South Side*	**Moby feat. Gwen Stefani*
2.	Ms. Jackson	*Outkast*
3.	Don't Tell Me	*Madonna*
4.	Rollin'	*Limp Bizkit*
5.	Wasn't Me	*Shaggy feat. Ricardo*
6.	This I Promise You	*'N Sync*
7.	Babylon	*David Gray*
8.	If You Go	*Matchbox 20*
9.	Still	*Macy Gray*
10.	Leaving Town	*Dexter Freebish*
11.	E.I.	*Nelly*
12.	A.M. Radio	*Everclear*
13.	Danger (Been So Long)	*Mystikal*
14.	Black Jesus	*Everlast*
15.	Gotta Tell You	*Samantha Mumba*
16.	Independent Women	*Destiny's Child*
17.	Broken Home	*Papa Roach*
18.	Minority	*Green Day*
19.	Stronger	*Britney Spears*
20.	Ooh Child	*Cyndi Lauper and Destiny's Child*
21.	Rock DJ	*Robbie Williams*
22.	I Need You	*Leanne Rimes*
23.	That's the beat of the Heart	*Warren bros. feat Sara Evans*
24.	Most Girls	*Pink*
25.	Stan	*Eminem*

Spotlight: Here's looking at you!

The Current Sauce reader

By Josh Green
Senior LIFE Reporter



Photo by Courtney Payne
NSU students stand around Keyser Hall as they read last week's issue of *The Current Sauce*.

Editors of *The Current Sauce's* Spotlight of the Week section strive each week to bring to this column a glimpse for the paper's readers into somebody else's life.

The diversity of the university students and other individuals profiled in this feature provide insight to the diversity that this university has to offer. It's provided a glimpse into the lives of everyone from the President of the university to a National League MVP.

So, sentimentally, in this last edition of spotlight of the week, our staff has the honor to provide you with one of the greatest pieces we can bring: a spotlight on you, the NSU student body and readers of *The Current Sauce*: who are you? What drew you to Natchitoches? What are the likes and dislikes that you hold for this university?

You, the students of NSU, make this university what is it. Without you, this campus would be nothing but a collage of old buildings and maintenance people. To some students, it seems that the dynamic this university has is like no other.

"When I look back at college, I'll be able to say that I truly loved NSU and the people I met here in Natchitoches," said Sophomore Katherine Staid.

"There's a sense of magic when I walk around this campus. Whether it's when I walk to my 8:00 class and listen to the silence and simplicity this campus brings, or when I eat in the cafeteria with 200 people around, I get this feeling that I truly belong here," she said.

Staid's feeling of peace in Natchitoches is, for some students, one of the main reasons high schoolers are drawn toward Natchitoches.

Heather Wynne, a freshman from Texas, said that she couldn't take the typical life of a college student in a large city. "I liked the atmosphere that Natchitoches offered when I visited Northwestern in high school. I'm from a tiny town and I liked everything from the small shops on Front Street to the large crowds at the football games," she said.

Wynne added that, like the old saying goes, this community is large enough to serve you but small enough to care.

Other students, though sharing the same sentiment about the friendliness of the city, feel that Natchitoches could offer a little more.

"Even though everyone's real nice, there's nothing here to do but go to Wal-mart," said Randa Connor. She said that feeling of isolation can be hard for incoming students attempting to adjust. "I was very homesick as a freshmen and think that was one of the reasons why," she said.

Connor, and all other students interviewed, did believe that making friends at the university is easy. "Due to the fact that the school is small, you see people everyday and you get the chance to know them," said freshmen Phillip Scott, the third in his recent family to attend the university.

"At larger universities, there's no way you can get to know many people in a classroom with over 300 students. But here, you can become very close to the 40 or so people in your class, and that can make a big difference to somebody who's adjusting to the college atmosphere," he said.

Though the many students interviewed during research for this story offered a positive sentiment about the university, they did say that there are many things on which the university should work to make a better environment. One of the biggest issues: parking.

"I would be a lot happier if the parking situation was fixed," said Wynne.

"I don't know if there is a solution to it because most universities suffer from the same problem," she said.

Wynne emphasized that problems like these are overshadowed by the positive aspects of the university.

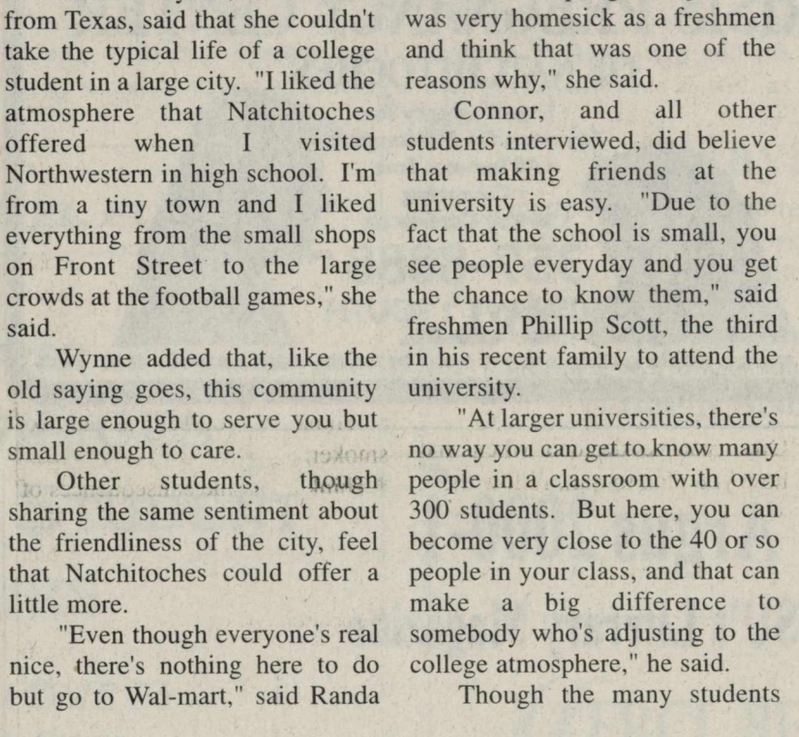
"It's close enough to home, but far enough away to gain independence and I love that," said Connor.

"I feel that this student body is like no other," said Staid. "I'm very glad I came to NSU."

You piked 'em...

People's Choice Award nominees announced

By Randall S. Frederick
LIFE Reporter


File Photo
Michael Richards could have a golden night at the People's Choice Awards.

The naming of nominees for the 27th annual People's Choice Awards has many television viewers questioning the ballot casting. In light of the previous weeks Presidential count and recount disgrace, people are now questioning the election of television personalities. For instance, Michael Richards, known to the world as "Cosmo Kramer" from Seinfeld, was nominated for Male Performer in New Television Series with "The Michael Richards Show".

But the show that bears his name started off to bad ratings, and has been declining ever since. Richards has never been able to break away from his quarter investment in Seinfeld. When NBC released a press statement last year saying the show was in production, they even said the show would be a cross between Kramer and Dragnet--in other words, a flash in the pan.

The nomination of Richards isn't the only one raising a questioning eyebrow. Kelsey Grammer of "Frasier" was nominated for Male Television Performer even after NBC stamped his show a reject on their Thursday Night "Must See TV". While Grammer has stayed afloat for a few years with it's redundant storylines, viewers are now tuning our or turning off.

CBS' "Bette", starring Bette Midler, has had less than a month to try and find the "Wind Beneath Its Wings", yet even The Divine Miss M got a nomination, making several entertainment spectators wonder where that one came from.

Apparent favorites such as ER, Friends made the list, and a mild conspiracy is brewing over the fact that both of the Motion Picture and both of the Motion Picture Actor positions are locked down to three men and their three films. Mel Gibson (The Patriot), Tom Hanks (The Green Mile), and Denzel Washington (Remember the Titans).

Hopefully, we won't see Mel or Denzel demanding a recount of every "dimple" and "chad" on the ballots when Tom Hanks walks away the winner in all four categories.

The Peoples Choice Awards nominations come from a national Gallup poll (oddly, the same company who took polls of the Presidential elections) of 213 million American viewers. The Awards ceremony will be shown January 7th on CBS, and will be hosted by King of Queens star, Kevin James, who wasn't nominated.

Nominees

Male Television Performer: Drew Carey, Kelsey Grammer, Ray Romano

Female Television Performer: Jennifer Aniston, Jenna Elfman, Calista Flockhart

Male Performer in a New Television Series: Tom Cavanagh (Ed), John Goodman (Normal, Ohio), Michael Richards (The Michael Richards Show)

Female Performer in a New Television Series: Jessica Alba (Dark Angel), Geena Davis (The Geena Davis Show), Bette Midler (Bette)

Television Dramatic Series: ER, Law & Order, The West Wing

New Television Comedy Series: Bette, Ed, The Geena Davis Show

Male Musical Performer: Garth Brooks, Ricky Martin, George Strait

Female Musical Performer: Faith Hill, Britney Spears, Shania Twain

Motion Picture: The Green Mile, The Patriot, Remember the Titans

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It's Your LIFE

By Nelle Cohen
Guest LIFE Wellness Columnist

Commit To Quit
The butt stops here

So maybe you quit smoking during last month's Great American Smokeout...Or tried to quit....Or perhaps you're still mulling it over. In any event, quitting smoking is one tough job- as tough, some say, as kicking heroin or cocaine. According to the American Cancer Society (ACS), about half of all active smokers will die prematurely because of smoking related diseases.

Nicotine: A Powerful Addiction Nicotine in tobacco is a highly addictive drug. With each drag off of a cigarette, inhaled smoke enters the lungs where nicotine and other not-so-good additives are absorbed into the blood stream and rapidly spread throughout the body. A concentrated dose of nicotine goes straight to the brain, reinforcing the need for another puff.

Quitting...Again

The average smoker will make 2 or 3 quit attempts before finally kicking the habit. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, half of all adult smokers in the U.S. have quit. If you've tried to quit before and failed, don't give up! Quitting is a learning process. Not everyone quits the same way and each attempt can provide insight into what works for you and what doesn't. The American Cancer Society offers several tips for successful quitting:

Decide to Quit

* Decide what your reasons are for quitting and then write them down.
* Choose a quit date and circle it on your calendar in red ink.
* Repeat your reasons for quitting out loud.

Prepare to Quit

Before you toss your smokes in the garbage, you should determine which cessation method is best for you:

* Cold turkey: For the very brave. Requires willpower extraordinaire.
* Gradual weaning: Cut back a little bit each day (or hour). Smoke progressively fewer cigarettes each day, wait a little longer to light up, or smoke only half of a cigarette. Total quit time will vary depending on your smoking frequency and rate of weaning.
* Nicotine replacement therapy: Nicotine gum and patches (available over the counter) and nicotine nasal spray and inhalers (require a doctor's prescription) ease withdrawal symptoms without exposing you to the tars and poisonous gasses in cigarette smoke. YOU MUST NOT SMOKE while on any nicotine replacement therapy!


Cohen

Once you've decided when and how you plan to quit, follow these ACS guidelines to help you get ready for the big day:

* Make a contract stating your commitment to quit. Sign it.
* Tell your friends, family, and coworkers about your decision. Recruit a friend to quit with you so you don't have to go it alone. Research shows that quitters are more successful when they have help.
* Remove triggers: get rid of cigarette paraphernalia, including your favorite lighter.
* Avoid places where people are smoking.
* Consider individual, group, or telephone counseling. Call your local health department for information about programs in your area or call 1-800-ACS-2345. Over the counter nicotine replacement therapies also offer free phone counseling with purchase.
* Surf the web. Visit the folks at the ACS at www.cancer.org. Or try the new interactive Web site, www.smokinghealthline.com that offers personalized quit programs.

Follow Through

Once you've quit, practice ACS's "4Ds" to ward off cravings:

* Take Deep breaths.
* Drink plenty of water and other fluids. A little coffee (not too much) can offset the symptoms of nicotine withdrawal.
* Do something to distract yourself. Go for a walk (exercise will make you feel better and help prevent weight gain). Call a friend. Keep your hands busy with a pen or try a puzzle.

* Delay smoking. Give the urge a chance to pass. Grab an apple or a piece of candy.

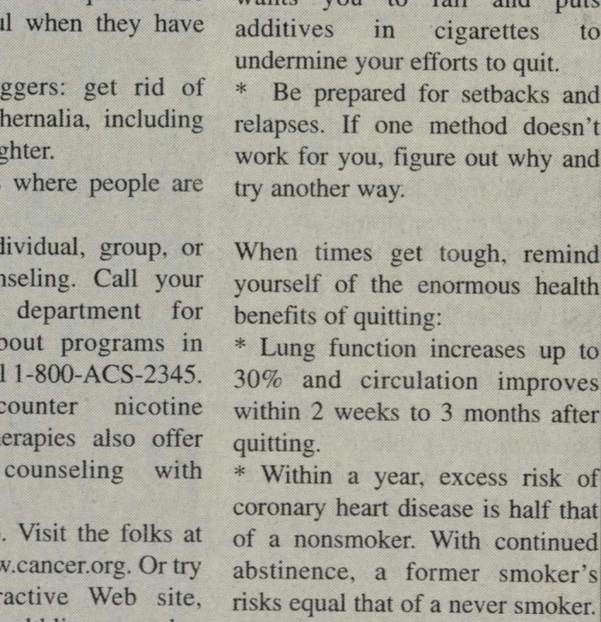
Keep it Up

Try some of the suggestions from smokinghealthline.com:

* Quit one day, one hour, or even one minute at a time
* Reward yourself for quitting. Buy yourself something special with all of the money you've saved on cigarettes (a brand name pack-a-dayer will save $23 per week and $1204 in a year).
* Think of yourself as an ex-smoker.
* Think about the consequences of smoking over time: shortened life, yellow teeth, looking older than you really are.
* Meditate.
* Think about how clean and fresh you mouth feels and how good you smell.
* Remember that Big Tobacco wants you to fail and puts additives in cigarettes to undermine your efforts to quit.
* Be prepared for setbacks and relapses. If one method doesn't work for you, figure out why and try another way.

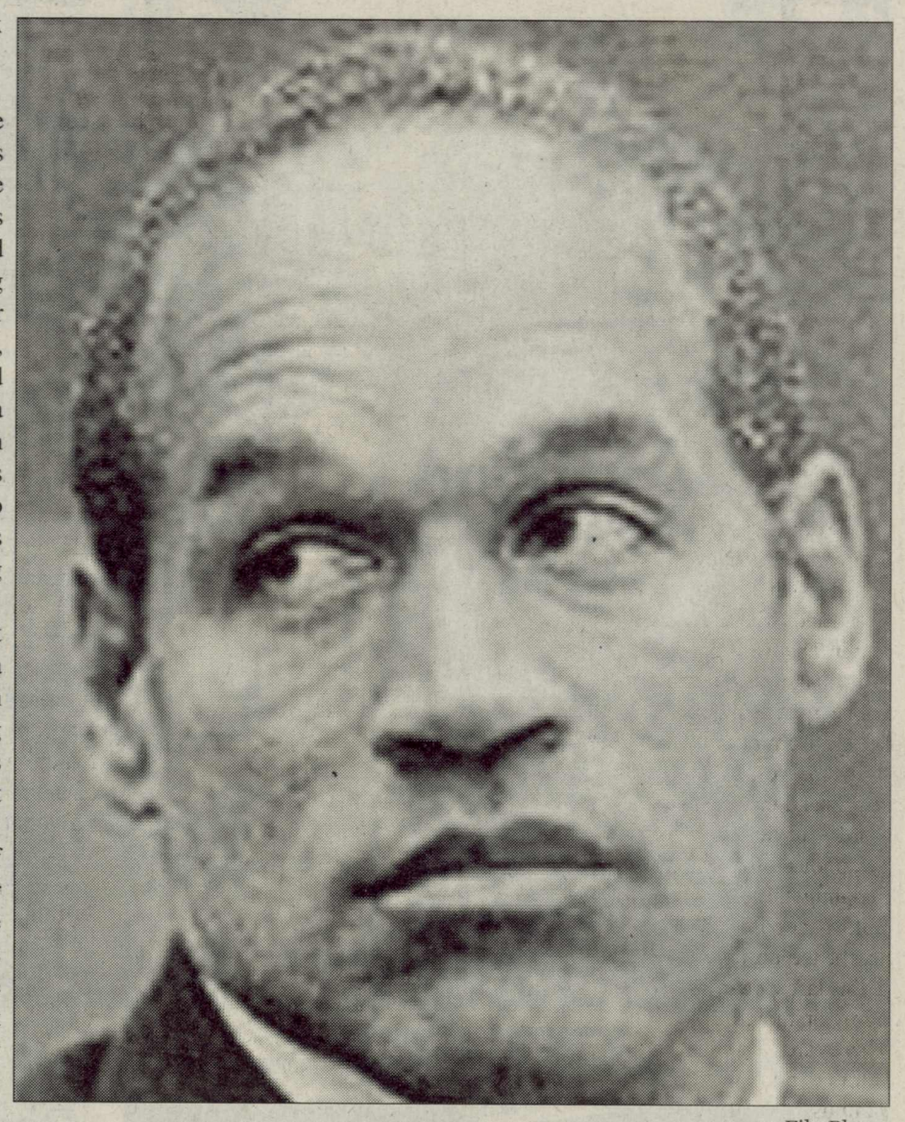
When times get tough, remind yourself of the enormous health benefits of quitting:

* Lung function increases up to 30% and circulation improves within 2 weeks to 3 months after quitting.
* Within a year, excess risk of coronary heart disease is half that of a nonsmoker. With continued abstinence, a former smoker's risks equal that of a never smoker.
* Five years after quitting, risk of stroke and cancers of the mouth, throat, and esophagus is half that of a smoker.



He slices, he dices and drives too!

By Randall S. Frederick
LIFE Reporter


File Photo
OJ Simpson is back in the spotlight as he is accused of road rage.

O.J. Simpson once again shows America his dark side. Recently, the former running back was involved in a case of road rage in Miami. According to police reports, driver Jeffery Pattison, 55, trailed Simpson's Ford Navigator after he ran a red light. Pattison allegedly flashed his lights at Simpson, who then slammed on his brakes and finally pulling over.

Simpson then got out of his car and got into a heated argument with Pattison, finally tearing the other mans sunglasses off his face so fiercely it left scratches.

"He just tore them off his face and cut him or scratched him while he was taking the glasses off," says Miami-Dade Police Department spokesman Rudy Espinoza. "That is battery."

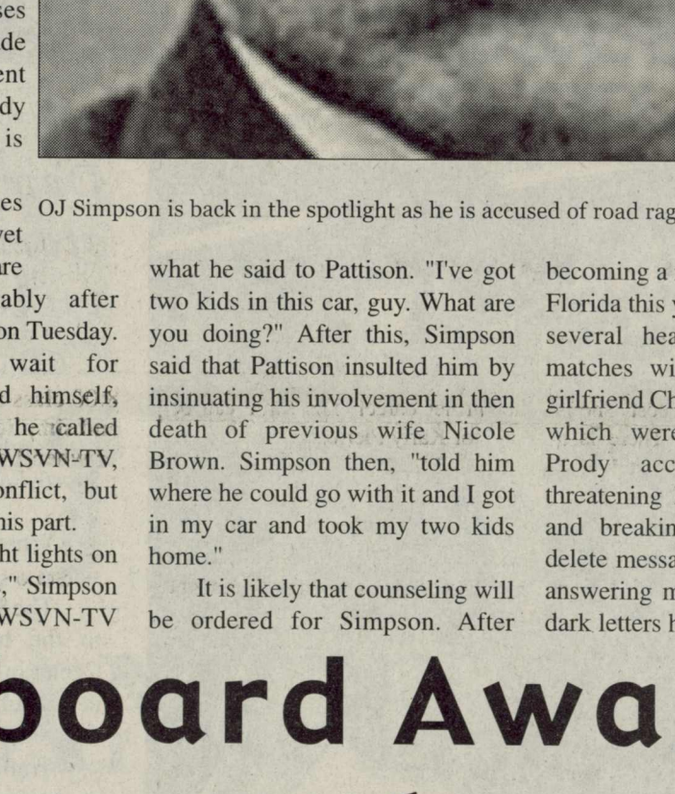
Although charges have not been filed yet against Simpson, they are expected soon, probably after Simpson is questioned on Tuesday. Simpson did not wait for questioning to defend himself, though. This Tuesday he called local television station WSVN-TV, acknowledging the conflict, but denying any wrong on his part.

"You got your bright lights on me, sitting on my heels," Simpson said, recounting to WSVN-TV what he said to Pattison. "I've got two kids in this car, guy. What are you doing?" After this, Simpson said that Pattison insulted him by insinuating his involvement in then death of previous wife Nicole Brown. Simpson then, "told him where he could go with it and I got in my car and took my two kids home."

It is likely that counseling will be ordered for Simpson. After becoming a resident of South Florida this year, he has gotten into several heated public shouting matches with on-again-off-again girlfriend Christie Prody, several of which were soon followed by Prody accusing Simpson of threatening her with bodily harm and breaking into her house to delete messages he had left on her answering machine and take back dark letters he had written to her.

Billboard Awards:
Sisqo takes six

Associated Press


File Photo
Sisqo walks away with the six awards at the Billboard Awards on FOX.

It was a teen-ager's dream: 'N Sync, Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera, Ricky Martin and 98 Degrees - all together in the one place known for bringing out the adolescent in everyone.

Dance and pop ruled at the Billboard Music Awards on Tuesday at the MGM Grand Garden Arena, where 'N Sync, the Dixie Chicks, Faith Hill and Destiny's Child won four statuettes apiece.

With six awards, the biggest winner was an artist who sang about women's underwear.

``I wasn't expecting to win that many,'' said Sisqo, whose hit ``The Thong Song'' helped him to the title of male artist of the year, new artist of the year and four other honors.

The annual Billboard Awards, broadcast this year on Fox, are determined by the magazine's year-end chart listings, which are based on a combination of record sales and radio airplay.

'N Sync, co-host of the show with actress Kathy Griffin, won album of the year for ``No Strings Attached.'' The group also collected three other awards, including one for biggest week of sales for ``No Strings Attached.''

The Dixie Chicks' awards included country group of the year and country album of the year for ``Fly.'' Destiny's Child won artist of the year and group of the year, among other awards.

Faith Hill picked up awards for hot 100 single of the year for ``Breathe'' and female country artist of the year, among others.

``I love singing 'Breathe.' I've never gotten tired of singing that song,'' she said backstage.

Hundreds of teens lined up hours before the show to get a glimpse of their idols walking down the red carpet.

``Britney, your boyfriend drives me crazy!'' a group of screaming girls yelled in reference to Spears' beau, Justin Timberlake of 'N Sync.

``This year has been, like, a dream come true for me,'' Spears said after collecting her award for album artist of the year.

The group 3 Doors Down performed its hit ``Kryptonite'' while the audience waved glowing green wands and a ``superhero'' dressed in green flew overhead. The band won three awards, including best new group.

A reminder that pop isn't always teen-orientated occurred when former Eagles songwriter Don Henley presented Randy Newman with Billboard's annual Century Award.

The show began when dogs came running down the aisles of the arena as Baha Men, who took home two awards, performed its mega-hit ``Who Let the Dogs Out.''

Sports

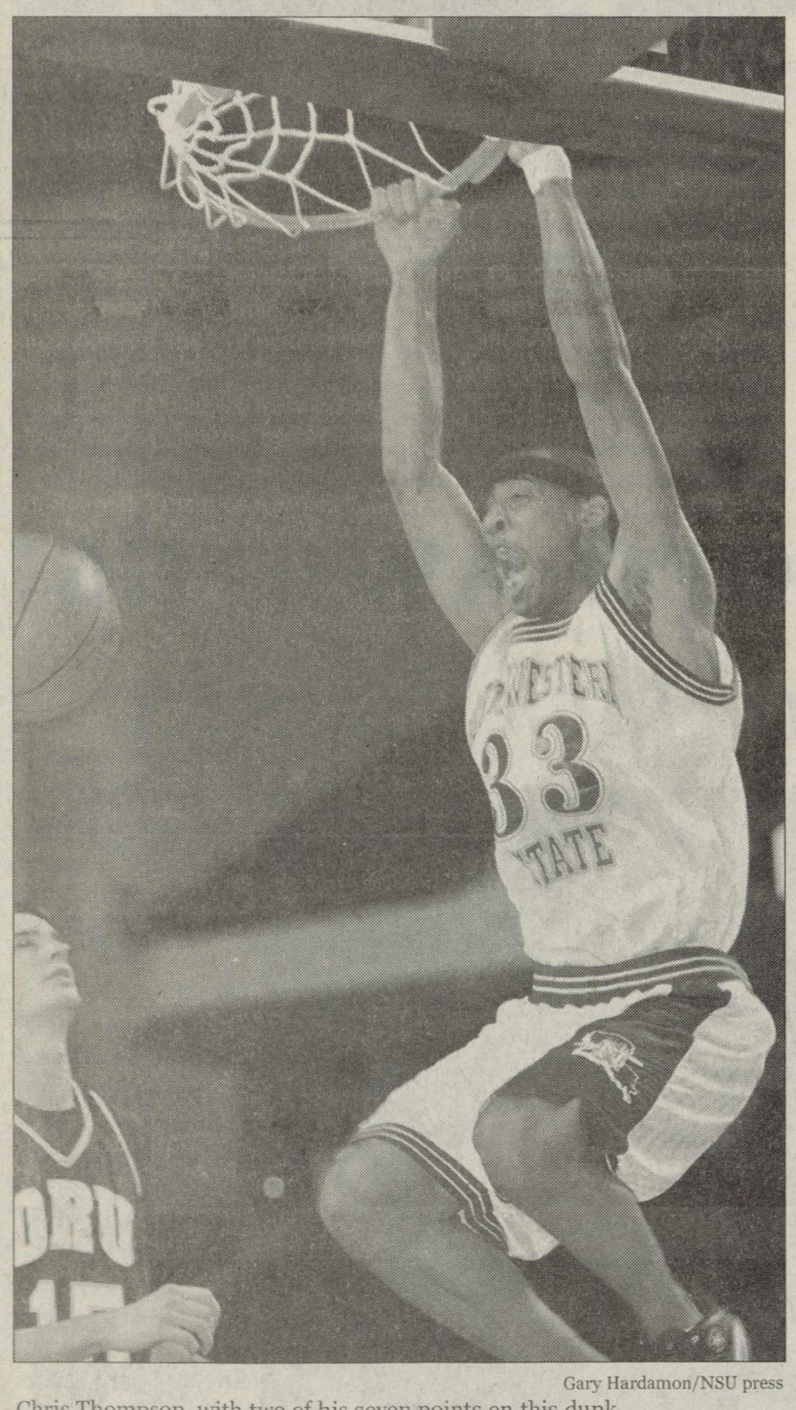
Demons 71, Oral Roberts 59

Home sweet (away from) home



Gary Hardamon/NSU Press

Josh Hancock returned from an eary knee injury Tuesday night to help the Demons secure a win over the Oral Roberts Eagles 71-59. It was the first victory at the first game of the brand-new CenturyTel Center



Gary Hardamon/NSU press

Chris Thompson, with two of his seven points on this dunk

Demons overcome sluggish start to cruise to the first ever victory at the CenturyTel Center

By Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

What a way to break in a new stadium.

The Demons took a field trip to the brand new CenturyTel Center in Bossier City and left the new stadium with a 71-59 win over Oral Roberts.

Trailing Oral Roberts 32-23 at halftime, the 2-1 Demons overcame a horrible first half 29 percent shooting percentage, including 4 of 16 shooting from behind the three point line, to an outstanding 54 percent second half performance.

Demon transfer Micheal Byars-Dawson led the pack for the Demons with 16 points.

The Demons had three players score in double figures. Demon guard Ryan Duplessis led all players with four steals to go along with 10 points.

"I tried to challenge them at halftime," head coach Mike McConathy said.

"We played hard the first ten minutes of the first half and then played miserable the last 10 minutes of the first half."

It also didn't help that the Eagles of ORU hit half of their first half three point shots and shot 47 percent in the first half.

The Eagles had three players score in double figures, led by Josh Atkinson with 17 points.

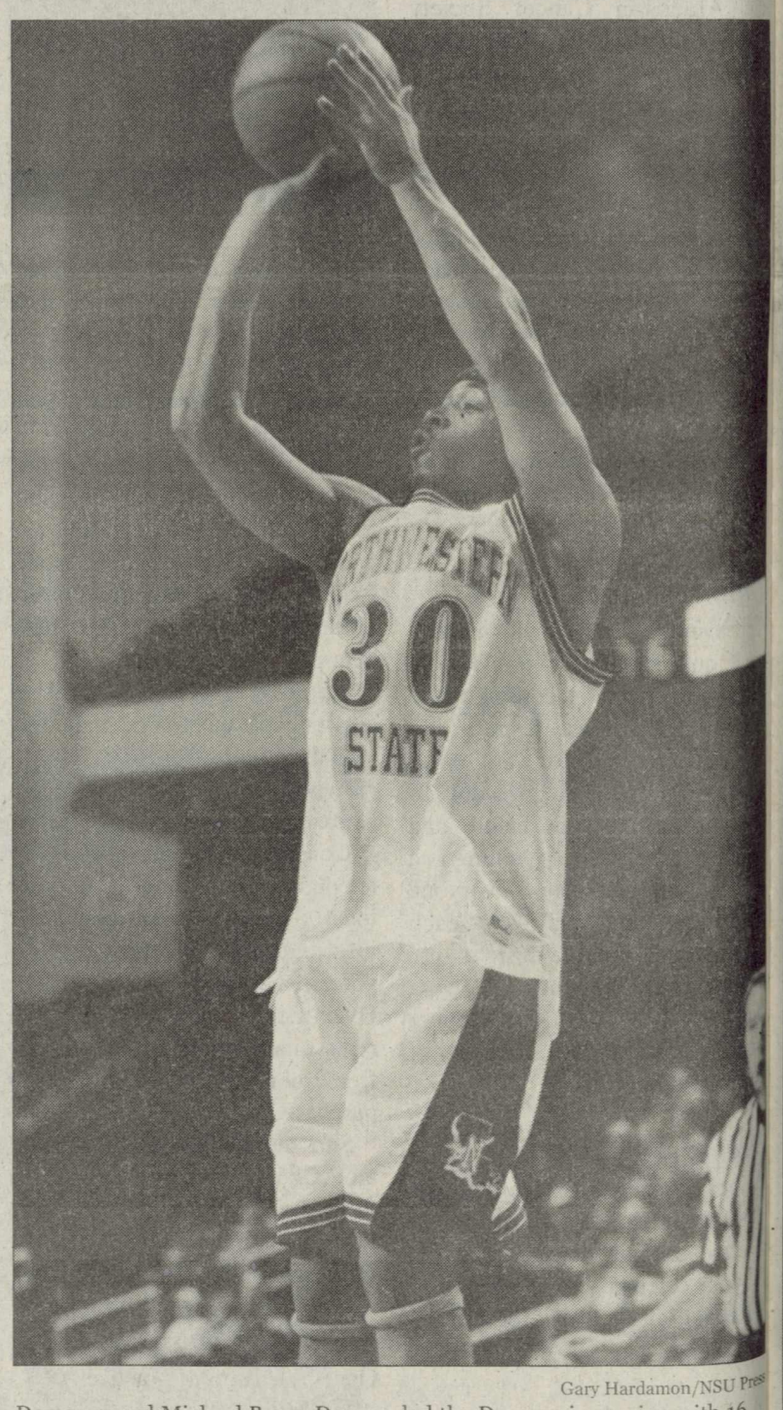
As a team, the Eagles hit eight three point baskets, including a 4 for 5 performance from Luke Spencer-Gardner.

But the Demons' constant pressure wilted the Eagles team, which finished the second half making only 10 of 26 shots.

The Demons padded the lead late with free throws, as NSU went to the free throw line 37 times, making 24 of them.

The crowd of 2,530, mostly-NSU-supportive fans, were thanked by Coach McConathy himself. The Shreveport native and former Bossier Parish Community College coach thanked the fans twice, once during halftime and again at the end of the game.

" When you look up in the stands and you see people who you went to church and school with," McConathy said, "You have to thank them. If you don't, you may not get the opportunity to do so later."



Gary Hardamon/NSU Press

Demon guard Michael Byars-Dawson led the Demons in scoring with 16

Lady Demons suffer from poor shooting, fall to Colorado State 81-49

Poor shooting from the field and the free throw line led to the Lady Demons' worse loss in over two years, 81-49, on the road at Colorado State Sunday afternoon.

Northwestern's worse loss last season was a 86-55 loss to Utah in the Boise State Christmas Tournament. Like Colorado State, which remains undefeated and improves to 7-0, Utah is also a member of the Mountain West Conference.

The good news for the Lady Demons is that after the 31-point loss to Utah, Northwestern won 20 of its final 24 games.

"I hope we can use this loss as a learning experience," said Northwestern State head coach James Smith. "Playing three games in six days and being in the altitude was not a factor for us, it would not have been any better for us even if we had been at home, we just executed horribly."

"Colorado State is a good team that can shoot well from the floor," Smith continued. "If they continue to improve, they could be a contender for return trip to the post season."

Shooting only 25-percent from the field and 50-percent from the free throw line, both season lows, the Lady Demons could not get anything going. Falling behind 16-0 in the first 3:40 of the game, Northwestern was put in a position to have to take poor shots to try to come back and could not convert. The Lady Demons got no closer than 11 the remainder of the game and were down by 19 at the half.

"We had a tough uphill battle after falling behind 16-0," said Smith. "Playing with two first-year point guards, we did not transition into our offense well. We had poor shot selection, which led to bad shooting. We did not get the ball to our good shooters, and when we did, they were not falling for us."

Northwestern's two leading scorers, Kia Converse and Anglea Davidson, were a combined 5-of-27 from the field and combined for only 18 points compare to their combined season average of 28 points. As a team, the Lady Demons were only 18-of-70 shooting, 4-of-15 from three-point range, and 9-of-18 from the free throw line.

"When Angela and Kia don't shoot well, it's not a pretty game for us," said Smith. "We just got whipped out there today. This game was not a good indication of the type of team we have and, was not what Lady Demon basketball is all about."

A bright spot for Northwestern was a career-high 13-point performance by freshman La'Terrica Dobin, the only Lady Demon in double-figures, who also tied her career high with five rebounds.

In front of a raucous crowd of 1,230 Colorado State fans, the Lady Demons played before the largest and rowdiest crowd of the season, which will prepare them as they start the SLC season.

"It was a great atmosphere for basketball today," said Smith. "Our younger players had to deal with heckling from their crowd. That will be beneficial when we go on the road in conference play."

Northwestern will take the week off for finals before opening the Southland Conference slate on the road at Southeastern Louisiana on December 14 and at Nicholls State on December 16.

Final Score

NSU Lady Demons	49
Colorado State Rams	81

Leading Scorers

LaTerrica Dobin 13pts, 5 rebs.

Up Next

After a much-deserved week off, the Lady Demons will open up conference play with two road games. The first is Dec. 14 versus Southeastern Louisiana followed by Nicholls State Dec 16.

Rondray's Column

Quick Talking Points

- Okay, okay, but check this out...what happens if Florida State beats Oklahoma by two in the rain while Miami beats Florida by 15 while suffering from a New Orleans-style hangover, at the same time that Micheal Vick beats Oregon State while the rest of Virginia Tech sits on the bench, while Gore pulls an upset over Bush in Florida but not before UNLV beats Arkansas by 52 in the Las Vegas Bowl, then who is the national champion????? Georgia Southern by 27 over Montana. See how simple playoffs can be?



Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

- Anybody besides me notice how many old people there were in the stands at Tuesday's game?

- Raise our hand if you're happy LSU isn't going to the Cotton Bowl. Okay, okay, everybody put your hands down, I get the point!!

The Main Course

I was wrong about last week. If ever there was a week not to run a sports page, it's THIS week. With the exception of the CenturyTel game, there was NOTHING going on here. This is what they mean when they say dead week.

So, I used my idle hands this week to give each of you a Christmas present from the *Current Sauce* Sports department. Merry Christmas!

T'was the night before Christmas,
And throughout Demonland
Not a creature was stirring, not even the pep band (for once)
The stockings were hung on the stairs in the Field house,
right next to the place where Chief Caddo used to lookout,

Coach Roberts was nestled, asleep with his small lads,
Dreaming about how to explain "6-5 isn't that bad"
And Coach Jimmy Mitchell couldn't sleep, as he rose from bed to roam,
Awakened by the thought of "When did Demon Soccer last lose at home?"

While the Volleyball team was still making their wish list,
"We need a 6'5" freshman hitter with a hammer for a fist"
And Tony Taylor was snug, sleeping just fine,
Next year, he figures, "I'll have a healthy o-line"

And the Demon basketball team also slept well in their bunks,
thinking "Hell, two years ago, J.D. wouldn't let us dunk,"
The Demon Softball team was happy, I don't know for what?
Maybe they say "We've got Holloway and Ortego, we don't need Coach McNutt."

Tennis and Track both asked Santa for the same goal
"We want more than eight people to show up when we're at home,"
And what does S.I.D. Doug Ireland want, well he already knows?
For he said "I want Rondray Hill to do the basketball radio shows."
And as Coach Smith wrote his list, he was crying some tears
As he wrote "If I get another freshman point guard, I'll retire at the end of the year,"

But what they all really wanted, even more than the Commissioner's cup,
They all wished for the Sauce Sports Editor to just SHUT UP!

Louisiana's Karl Malone moves into second in all-time NBA scoring leaders

Karl Malone found it easier to look ahead than behind after a historic night.

``It's been a great journey, but I'm not done,'' Malone said. ``Don't write my obituary yet. I'm going to continue to try and play. Hopefully, I can help us win and get to the next level. I have one other goal in mind now (winning an NBA title).''

Malone moved past Chamberlain for second place on the NBA's career scoring list Tuesday night, hitting a scoop shot with 4:58 remaining in the second quarter of Utah's 98-84 victory over the Toronto Raptors.

Malone finished with 31 points, giving him 31,443 in his 16-year career. Chamberlain scored 31,419 in 14 seasons. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is the league's career leader with 38,387.

``To be able to play every game with guys who believed in me, that'' what really means a lot,'' Malone said. ``That, and the people here in Utah have accepted me, the good with the bad.''

The most prolific power forward in NBA history, Malone went into the game needing eight points to pass Chamberlain. In recent days, Malone has spoken repeatedly of his admiration for the man.

``Wilt Chamberlain was a pioneer in this league, a guy I have great respect for,'' Malone said. ``I didn't sleep at all today. I had the worst nap ever.''

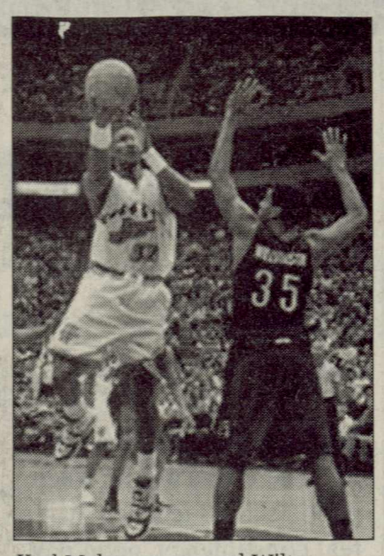
The Mailman added 12 rebounds and three blocked shots, and the only low light came when he was ejected with less than a minute to play after getting his second technical for arguing with referee Marc Davis.

Even then, Malone received a standing ovation.

``My biggest fear was that I would get the record, but we wouldn't win,'' Malone said.

Jazz coach Jerry Sloan praised Malone's durability and dedication. He recalled being impressed by Malone's work ethic as a rookie, but questioned whether it would wear off after he became a veteran.

``How long is going to be before you change, quit going to practice or start showing up late?'' Sloan asked. ``Coach, I'll never do that,'' Malone replied. It left an indelible impression on Sloan.



Karl Malone surpassed Wilt Chamberlain on the all-time scoring list. AP Photo

``That says a lot about what he's been about,'' Sloan said. ``He's always here early. He does the work we ask him to do. It's just a real pleasure to have the opportunity to coach the guy.''

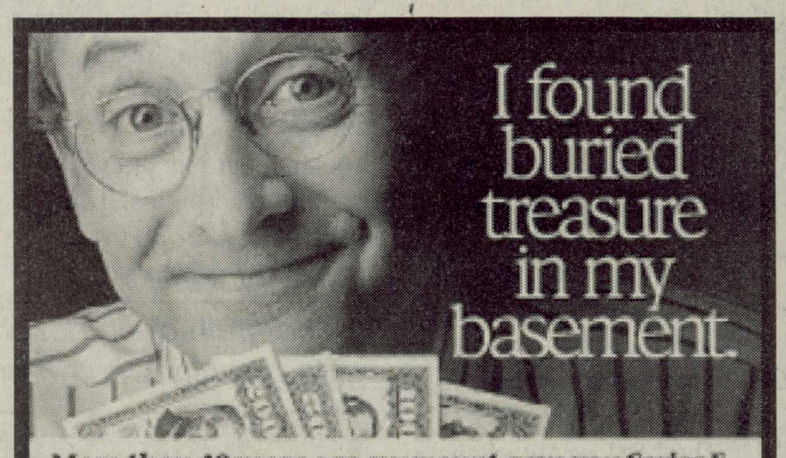
It took a while for Malone to get going. He missed his first shot and dropped a pass from John Stockton out of bounds, his only touches in the first five minutes.

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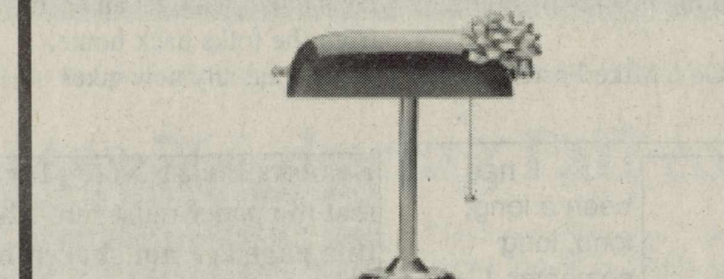
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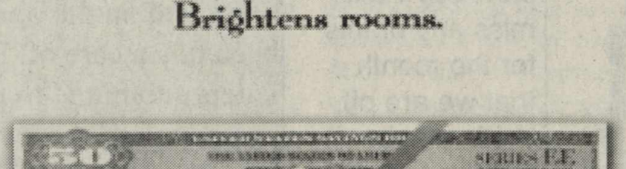
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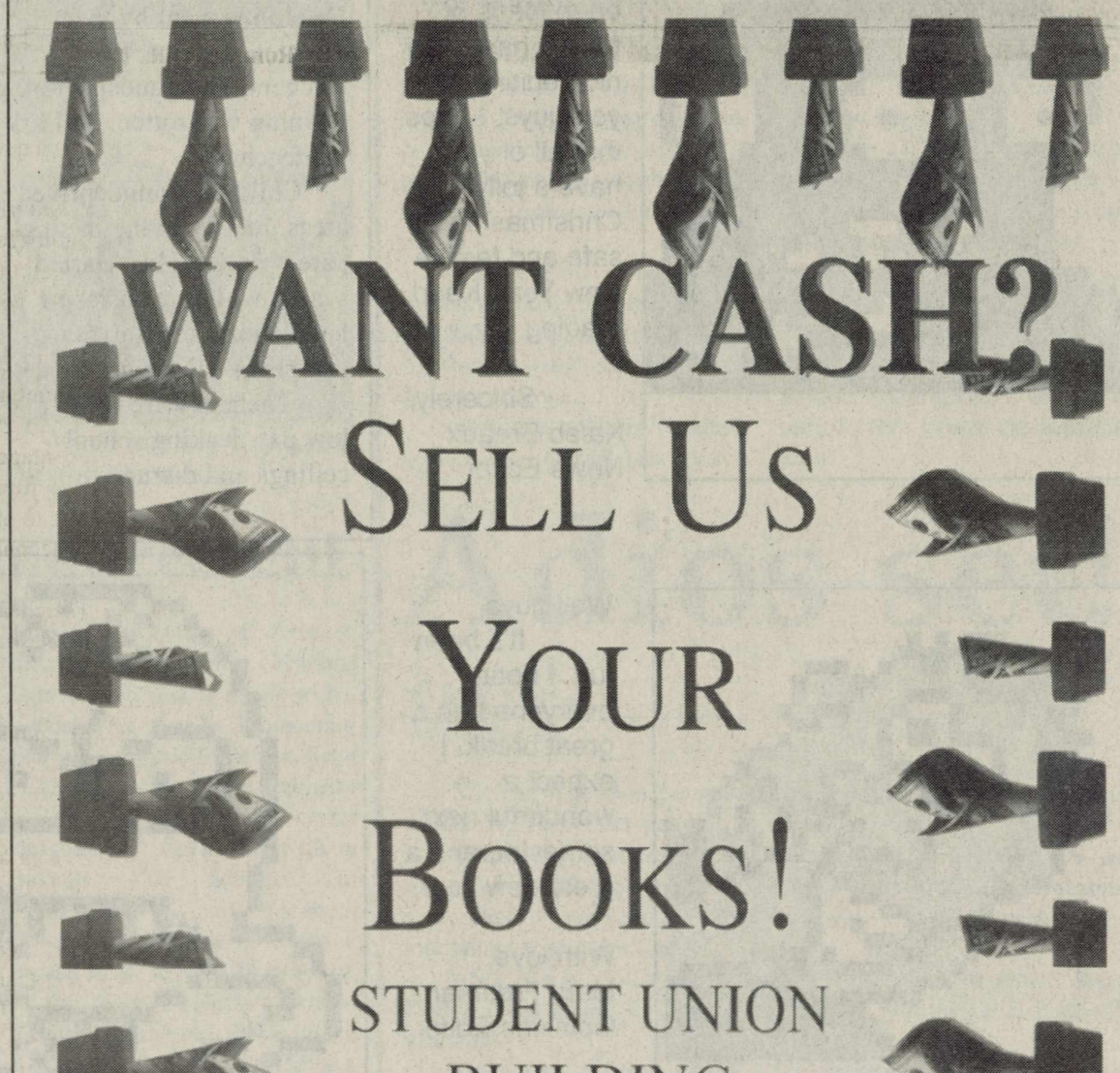
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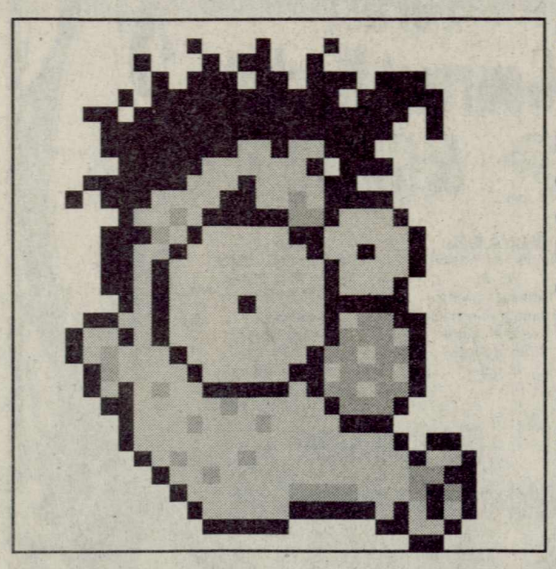
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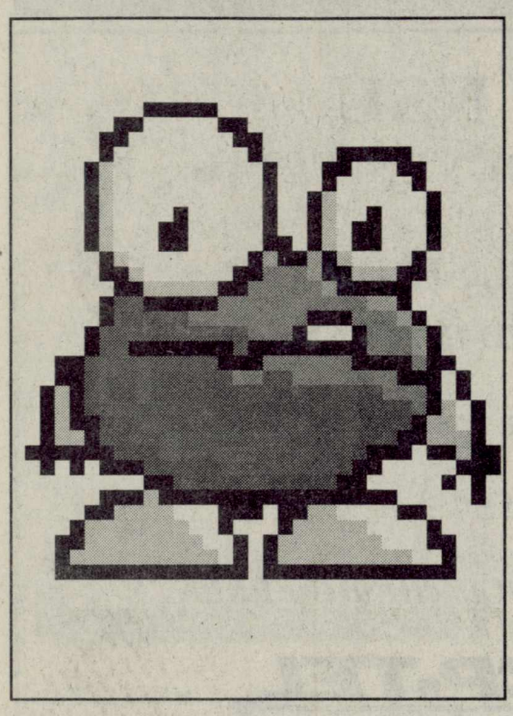
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Dear Readers,

I sincerely hope that everyone has a great and safe break. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

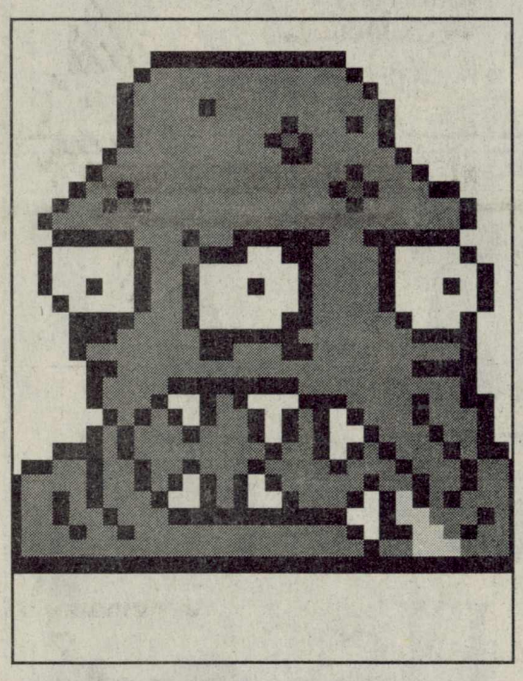
Rondray Hill,
Sports Editor



Faithful Readers,

As my time here at *The Current Sauce* comes to an end, I would like to thank you for all of your support and your criticism. Both are just as golden. keep living... keep loving... but by all means keep reading. Here's to "being an 'us' for once instead of a 'them'."

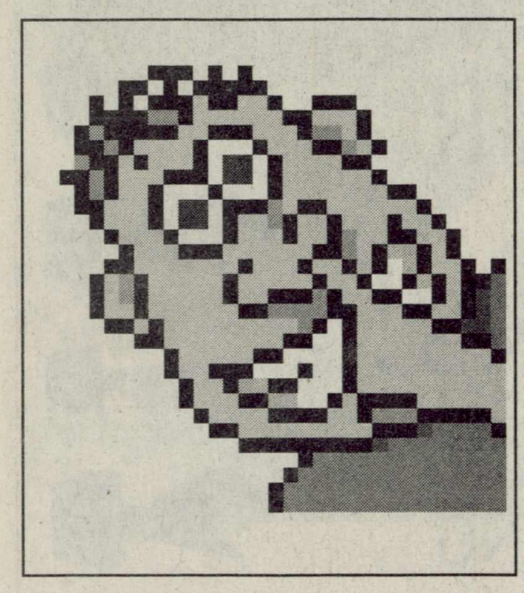
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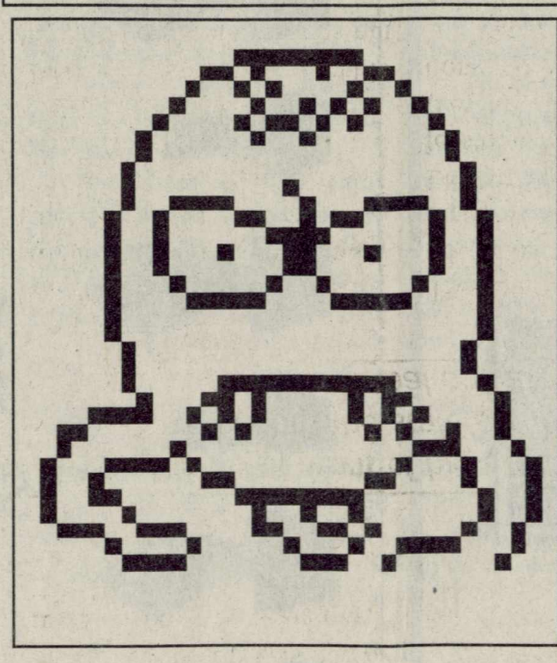
This semester has been loads of fun. It has been nice editing for you guys. I hope that all of you have a jolly Christmas and a safe and festive New Year. Keep reading

Sincerely,
Kaleb Breaux
News Editor



Well guys,
It's been fun. I hope everyone has a great break. I expect a wonderful next semester, and a great new year.

With love,
Mary Freeman
Opinions Editor



It has been a long, long, long semester. I can't say I will miss any of this for the month that we are off. Well...maybe making fun of sorority girls. That is always fun.

Hasta Luego,
Josh Beavers
Editor

Another Opinion

An AP Analysis
By GUY COATES
Associated Press Writer

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) _

There was a time when public school teachers had a real constituency, good pay and a willing ear in the Legislature.

With only 20 percent of high school graduates attending college, the state's public universities also had no real constituency.

The constituency has dwindled with the pay and the willing ear, in some cases, has been replaced with lip service.

What caused the change? Fifty experts would probably have 50 different reasons but consider just a couple of items:

Federal court orders that did away with neighborhood schools, requiring busing of students, in some cases, for distances of 20 miles or more. All of that has eased somewhat but the damage was done.

Law suits against school systems by parents claiming their children were disciplined too harshly. Discipline went by the wayside. Just ask the teachers. The atmosphere for learning was rotten. Just ask the teachers.

Children from deprived areas, mostly living in single parent households, started school with few basics to handle difficult situations and never caught up.

Teachers were tiring of low pay, leaking school ceilings and disruptive students. The exodus of teachers started quite a few years ago.

Parents with enough money began sending their kids to private schools.

Now, much of what is left of the student population comes from low or lower middle income family units. The salaries at home may not be as high as those in the teachers' homes. Half of Louisiana's tax payers make less than $25,000 a year and they are the ones who often don't vote.

There went the constituency. There went public education.

With only 20 percent of the high school graduates attending college, the state's public universities also had no real constituency. The university community apparently could not grasp that fact.

The LSU Faculty Senate was shocked when then-Gov. Edwin Edwards told them 10 years ago not to expect a pay raise. ``You don't have a constituency.''

The brain drain got worse as more and more gifted faculty went to universities in other states.

Just a few months ago, a specialist at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette moved to the University of Arkansas-Little Rock, doubling his pay by doing so.

Gov. Mike Foster and the Legislature began shoring up the system in 1996. School accountability laws were passed. Teachers got three pay raises and college faculty was pulled to the Southern average.

Of Louisiana's nearly $6 million general fund budget - state tax dollars - 55 percent goes to education. Sounds like a lot. Of the entire budget of nearly $14 billion which also includes federal funds and fees for service, the percentage drops to 36.

Yet teachers and college professors keep falling behind in pay because most other states in the South are spending more on salaries.

Competition for teaching personnel is keen. Recruiters from California, Texas, Wisconsin and dozens of other states come to Louisiana universities and become pied pipers. They offer salaries of up to $10,000 or more a year higher than Louisiana can pay. Some states offer to find apartments with free rent for a month or two, free cell phones for a time, new cars with notes deferred for a few months.

The only answer, says Foster, is more money. The voters didn't budge. They turned down the income tax increase. Again, the constituency problem.

A growing number of legislators, who get an earful from the folks back home, don't want any new taxes. They want to force the 66 school systems to use more of the $2.2 billion sent by the state for teacher salaries.

Maybe a dozen of the wealthier school systems could get by because they have enough local tax revenue.

What about the parishes with little or no local tax base?

Legislators have no real answer for that - yet.

Meanwhile, the teachers are getting more than a little restless with their average pay 13th in the 16-Southern state region and about 45th in the nation.

If the Legislature does not come up with $350 million to bring teachers and college faculty to the Southern average and pay more to other school employees, the teachers are talking about a statewide sickout or strike.

Will it work? The teachers have no strike fund. What happens when they do without a check for a couple of weeks. An effective strike will be tough.

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Will a temporary sickout make a point?

Consider the Legislature: The voters want no more consumer taxes and business lobbyists have been powerful enough to ward off taxes on industry. Some parents may get angry. But, will they be angry enough to make a difference?

The constituency problem again.

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Letter to the Editor

The Pride of NSU written by: Blair Bagala (Senior Gen. Stud.major)

I would like to commend the band on their performance at the Stephen F. Austin football game. It showed tremendous school spirit and pride to stick it out to the end of the game, despite bad weather and a struggling team.

It was very good to see that the purple and white stuck it out through the end. It is just too bad that Northwestern State's so called pride of Northwestern couldn't do the same thing. I saw a sign being held up by one of the SFA band members during our halftime show saying "High School Band."

This statement couldn't be more false. Most high school band's stay through at least the third quarter.

I was very happy when the SFA band started chanting "Na na na na Hey hey hey goodbye" at our band because I knew that our band was going to turn around and go back to the bleachers to avoid any further embarrassment. However they showed no pride and kept on walking.

Now I am aware that some band members will want to say, "Where were you sitting through the cold and rain."

To answer that question I was in the bleachers. I stayed to the very end and showed support for our team (something the so-called pride of NSU would know nothing about).

I beg Northwestern State's band (which is the best sounding band in the land) to straighten up and become "The pride of NSU" once again because after what I saw at SFA the band should be renamed "The Pride of NSU sometimes."

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NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY - NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA

Updated phone lines make calling easier

By Raymond Williams
Sauce Reporter

The University's outdated telephone system has been refurbished to make calling on and off campus easier, though it is not problem-free.

Physical Plant Director Loran Lindsey said the old telephone system's inability to handle new lines and lack of technical support resulted in an $881,000 emergency project to upgrade the campus' system.

Lindsey said the old switchboard was at its capacity, meaning it could not host any new telephone lines. In addition, this problem was intensified by the number of students and staff on campus, which made it nearly impossible to make off-campus calls during the afternoon and evenings.

However, Tracy Brown, office of telecommunications department head and network administrator, said the fact that the old system's technical support ended on Dec. 30, caused the university to "urgently start work on getting a replacement."

Brown said the cancellation of the system's technical support meant the company that serviced the system would no longer work on that switchboard.

Once the University was notified in Dec. 1999 about the cancellation, work began immediately to rectify the situation. Lindsey said the state legislature finally approved the project last year during its regular session.

> *"This will help students handle harassment calls."*
>
> Tracy Brown,
> Head of Office of Telecommunications
>
> **Speaking about the campus's new caller ID service**

Brown said the new system is in use at this moment. He said the new system currently has the capability to host 2,200 phone lines and can be upgraded to 16,000. Also, he said the University can now take advantage of fiber optic cable, which allows high speed internet access and a clear path for voice lines.

In addition, students living on campus can also take advantage of Caller ID service. Brown said students wishing to use the service must only furnish their own Caller ID box or telephone. The service will identify the numbers of individual offices as well as display the residence hall and room number of dormitory callers.

"This will help students handle harassment calls," Brown said.

Users can buy a simple Caller ID box for as little as $6 or up to $15. Phones with this feature range from $10 and up.

Although the phone system has managed to correct some of the former system's problems, Brown said there are still some programming bugs to work out.

One of these bugs involves the inability to directly dial 911 from on campus during an emergency. As in the past, University police must be contacted first by dialing extension 5431. From there, calls are dispatched to other emergency agencies.

Brown said work is currently being done to correct this problem. His aim is to have 911 access available on campus by March.

Another problem exists with the added feature of voice mail. Callers now have the option to leave voice messages for university faculty and staff if they do not answer their lines. However, there are still some issues that remain unsettled concerning this feature.

Brown said students and faculty should feel free to contact his office to report any problems they may incur while using the system. On-campus users should simply dial extension 4,000 to utilize the telephone help desk.

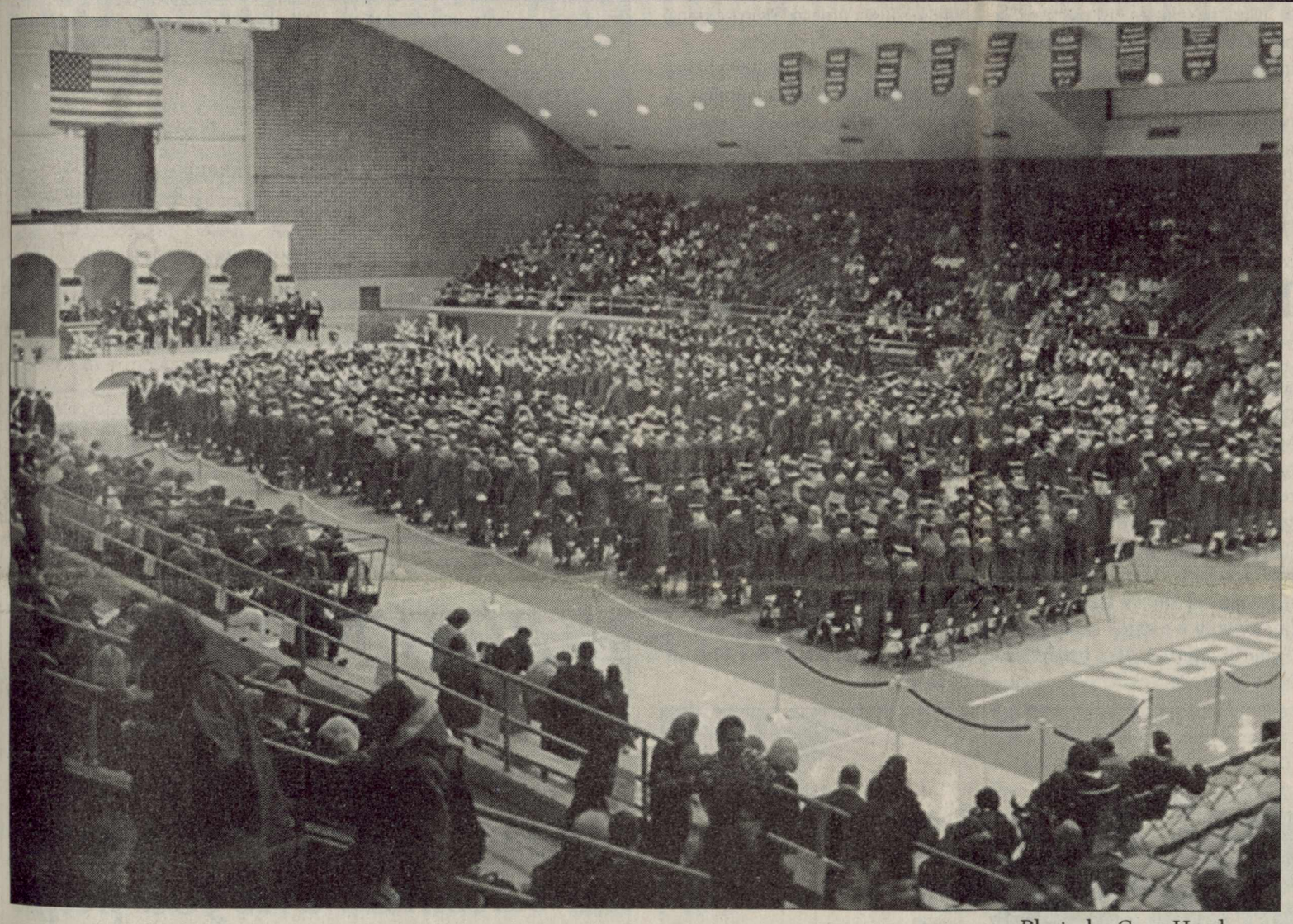


Photo by Gary Hardamon
Seven hundred and sixty-six students graduated during the Fall 2000 commencement ceremonies held in Prather Coliseum Friday, Dec. 15.

NSU graduates 766 during Fall commencement

Matthew Dane Hooker of Boyce was the top ranking graduate at Northwestern State University's fall commencement exercises held Dec. 15 in Prather Coliseum.

Hooker, who received a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology, graduated with a 4.0 grade point average. He was among 766 students receiving degrees at the ceremonies.

Twenty-two students graduated with grade point averages of 3.7 or better.

Graduating summa cum laude with a grade point averages of 3.9 or better were: Laura Gallmeir of Fort Polk with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems, Jill Anders Berry of Mooringsport with Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Laura Elizabeth Finn of Pineville with Bachelor of Science in Biology, Rebecca Irene Penrod of Robeline with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, Charles William Penrod of Shreveport with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science& Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Seven students graduated magna cum laude with grade point averages of between 3.80 and 3.89. Those graduates were: Dana Duhon of Abbeville with a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre, Raymond L. Floyd of Natchitoches with a Bachelor of General Studies and Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Tafta Evans of Natchitoches with a Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education, Heather Jolene Jarrell of Noble with a Bachelor of Science in Biology, Scott Gottreu of Quitman with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, Mitzi Founds of Houston, Texas with a Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management and Tourism, Bonnie Moran of Kingsland, Texas with Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Cum laude graduates with grade point average of between 3.70 and 3.79 were: Shaun Michael Gordon of Alexandria with a Bachelor of General Studies in Social Science, Jennifer Battles of Boyce with a Bachelor of General Studies in Social Sciences, Jennifer Lynn Durr of Coushatta with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, Marleen Denise Jones of Dry Prong with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, Danielle Patrice Reed of Lake Charles with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work, Oscar Delgado of Leesville with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Stacey Elizabeth Mayeux of Moreauville with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, Danielle Alexis Prontka of Baytown, Texas with a Bachelor of Music in Music, Michelle Jean McCullough of Temple Texas with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology.

The commencement address was delivered by J. Stephen Perry, chief of staff to Gov. Mike Foster.

A new year brings new resolutions

By Bess Renfrow
Sauce Reporter

Jan. is the month of beginnings. It is the beginning of a year, a month and a semester. It is also the beginning of New Year's resolutions.

The New Year's resolution is a resolve to do something to improve an area of your life.

According to the Ayn Rand Institute, the average per person for New Year's resolutions is 1.8 with the number one New Year's resolution being too live a healthier life. The two most popular ways to achieve this healthier life is quitting cigarettes or exercising more often. For most students at Northwestern, however, grades come before health.

"I believe that doing well in my classes and earning the grade will help me out more in life than my looks will," said freshman Jennifer Marquez.

As with everything in today's society, the internet has taken a place among New Year's resolutions. If motivation is needed, free online goal setting software can be found at www.my motivator.com. One can also send New Year's resolution e-cards or encouragement to friends or family to encourage them to stick with their resolutions. A reminder can be received everyday from www.hiaspire.com to make sure the resolution is not forgotten.

As the ball is dropping and the prospect of a brand new year is foremost in everyone's mind, thoughts turn toward the failures and accomplishments of the last year. Yet, there is a brand new year just beginning.

With a whole three hundred-and-sixty five days of clean slate, the human mind cannot help but believe success is reasonable.

According to a survey done by Yahoo, however, more than half of the New Year's resolutions made are not kept past the first month. Unfortunately, only one out of every twelve are kept full term.

Adios set!

By H. A. McDonald
Sauce Reporter

NSU 22 will soon be saying good-bye to its old news set and welcoming a new and modern news set.

"The reason that we have decided to work on getting a new set was to give NSU 22 its own identity, and it helps to give Northwestern a presence on television here locally," Roy Davis, engineer of the journalism department, said,

NSU 22 has used the current set for the past four years. Steve Horton, head of the journalism department, said the set is really 10 years old.

The current set was not originally designed for the news. Mary Brocato says this is why there haven't been any logos to distinguish NSU 22 from other stations.

"This project is being funded by the Academic Enhancement Funds," said Horton.

Davis said the new set will cost $24,000, and it is expected to be in use by April 1.

Officials say theft not a big problem over holidays

By Elona Boggs
Sauce Reporter

There was only one theft reported after the return of dormitory residents from Christmas break, according to Residential Life Director Woody Blair.

Blair said more than 200 students signed a waiver to leave their belongings in their rooms over the break if the residents were returning to the same room in the spring semester. The students who conceded to the liability agreement were instructed by residential staff to label their items and place them in their closets.

The residents' doors remained locked throughout the break to ensure the safety of those items.

Blair said that even though the waiver has proved to be a success in recent years, he strongly advises that students be cautious when leaving possessions unattended.

"We always encourage the staff to tell residents that we can't guarantee the safety of it," said Blair.

University Police Detective Doug Prescott advises students to take their possessions home over extended breaks.

"If a student has property at home with them, they know where it's at and what is being done with it," said Prescott.

Even though the occurrences of theft were low over the break, the potential threat for thievery remains.

Jennifer Watts, a resident of Boozman Hall, said that there are safety measures that could be taken by the University to prevent theft such as replacing doors and locks.

"I don't feel safe," said Watts.

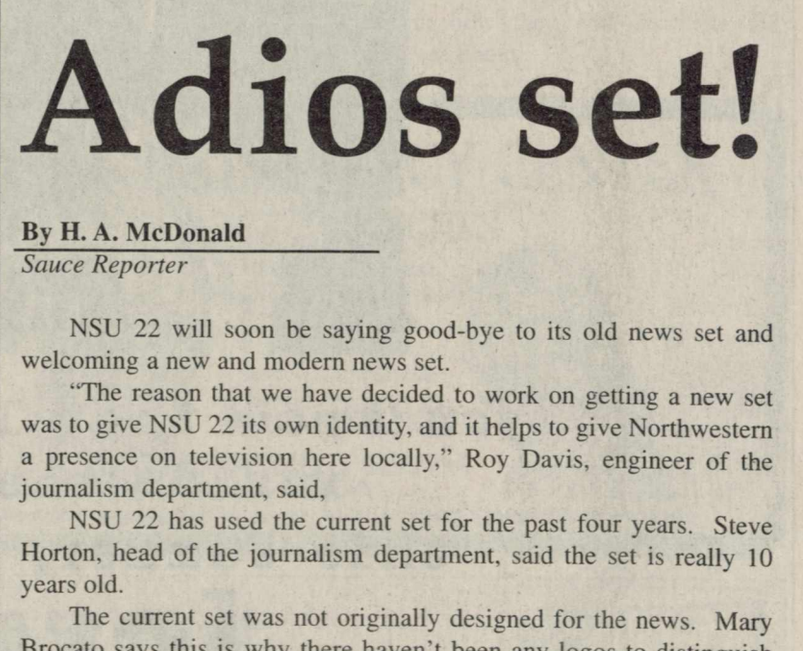


Photo by Josh Beavers
University students who live in residence halls have begun to question their safety with problems such as opened doors that can lead to theft. However, there was only one theft that was reported after the return of students to dormitories from the Christmas break.



Out in full force

University Greek organizations have begun their semester recruiting process of prospective members. In the coming weeks, *The Current Sauce* will feature a series of stories dealing with Greek life.

Three University students receive awards for works

Students from Northwestern State University were among the top finishers in the recent Louisiana Association of College Composition Writing Competition.

NSU was the top performing institution in the undergraduate competition with students placing in all three categories. Kirsten Weierholt of Florien placed second in Undergraduate Fiction. Leigh Ann Price of Winnfield won an honorable mention in Undergraduate Personal Essay and Undergraduate Poetry.

Graduate student Heather Conrad of Natchitoches won third prize in the Graduate Personal Essay category and third place in a non-creative writing category, Graduate Research Essay.

Each of the students were in a creative writing class taught by Assistant Professor of English Julie Kane.

Campus Connections

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

The SGA offers free scantrons to students every Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 222 of the Student Union. You will need a student I.D. to take advantage. Also, the students may stop by the Book Swap Board to look for books they may need for a cheaper rate. The SGA also has 11 senator at large positions open. Those interested can come by room 222 of the Student Union to pick up an application and they can return it to the same place. The first SGA meeting of the semester is going to be Jan. 17.

WESLEY WESTMINSTER FOUNDATION

Students can have lunch at the Wesley Westminister Foundation (between Magee's and The Ink Spot) on Tuesday from 11:30 until 1 p.m. The first visit is free and $1 each time thereafter. Worship services are held from 6:30-7:30 pm each Wednesday.

COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

College Democrats conduct informational meetings every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union.

STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE

Meetings are held every Wednesday at noon in room 224 of Russell Hall. All majors welcome.

CATHOLIC STUDENT ORGANIZATION

The CSO would like to invite all students to join the CSO for fun, fellowship, and a free meal every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church (located on Second Street). You do not have to be Catholic to join in on the fun; every student is welcome. There is also a student Mass held every Sunday at 9:30 p.m.

THE ARGUS

The Argus, the University's literary magazine, is accepting submissions for publication. Submissions may be fiction, non-fiction, poetry, art or screenwriting. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 1. First-, second-, and third-place winners will receive cash prizes for their efforts. Please send submissions to Argus@alpha.nsula.edu.

NSU Flying Demons are taking off

By Windy S. LaBorde
Contributing Reporter

The NSU Flying Demons are a part of the Aerospace Science degree program.

Membership to the team is open to any student with at least 6 hours. Better yet, membership is also free.

"Even if a student doesn't have any flying experience, they can still join and help with ground projects while they are learning," said David King, chief flight instructor and assistant professor.

If students choose to enter the aviation program as a major or want to take the classes as electives, a private pilot's license can be obtained in 6 months.

Seniors in the program can become flight instructors and build up flight time. A person needs to have 1000 hours to work for a small commercial airline.

"It usually takes three to five years of building flight time to begin working at a major airline," said King.

For a student contemplating joining the flight team or enrolling in aviation science courses, the building contains a new computer lab, television labs and simulation equipment available for general student use.

University to sponsor blood drive

Northwestern State University is working to help one of its own later this month. The Friedman Student Union at NSU will sponsor a blood drive to benefit Northwestern student Jennifer McCalister Thursday, Jan. 25 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The drive will be held in from of the Student Union. The drive is open to NSU students, faculty, staff, alumni and members of the community. Life Share Blood Center is handling the collection.

McCalister, a freshman at Northwestern, was diagnosed with a rare blood disease during the holidays. As part of her treatment, she receives 17 units of plasma every other day. Each treatment takes approximately four hours. She will not be able to take classes this semester, but plans to return to Northwestern as soon as possible.

NSU Director of Student Activities and Organizations Carl P. Henry III taught McCalister in a student orientation class last fall and read about her condition in a story in the Shreveport Times.

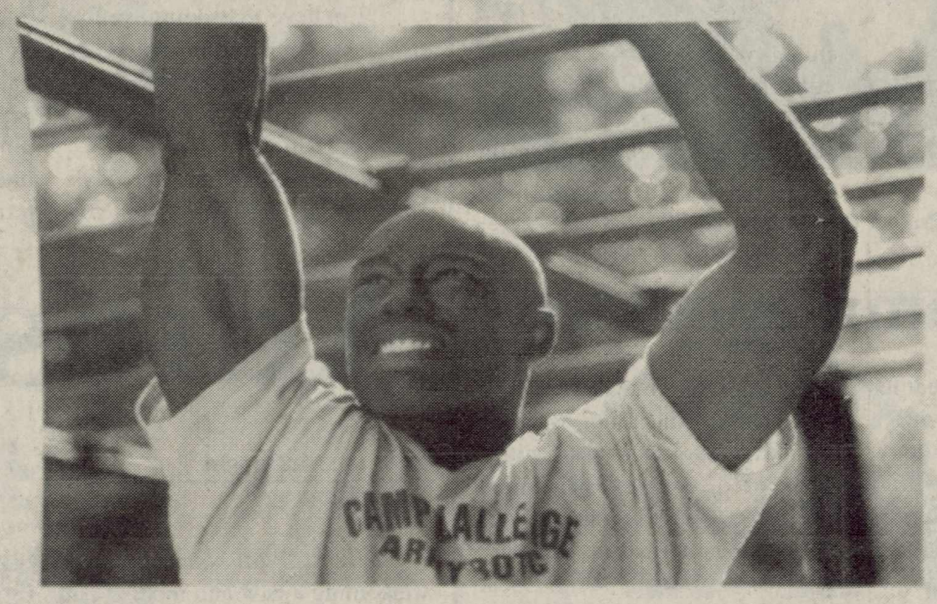
"We work with students and interact with them each day, so it is natural for us to help them in any way we can," said Henry. "That's part of being at Northwestern."

Henry is working with Assistant Directors of Student Activities and Organizations Susanna Deshotel and David Deggs to make students aware of the blood drive.

"The students have been very enthusiastic about getting involved to help," said Deshotel. "We are asking them to spread the word and get as many people as possible to donate."

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She blinded me with science

University student Brittney Rogers (left) buys her books for the new semester. Most University students had to make the familiar journey to the two main bookstores in town in order to start their classes.

University Senior ROTC program receives national ranking

The Senior ROTC program at Northwestern State University has gained a national ranking among the 20 percent of programs throughout the country.

In the latest results, NSU was ranked at number 53 out of 270 senior ROTC programs at U.S. colleges and universities. The rankings are based on historical and projected future success in program enrollment and commissioning officers into the Army. NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb praised Lt. Col. Claton Chandler, the ROTC commander, along with his staff for the achievement

"At Northwestern, we strive for excellence in all programs," said NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb. "Lt. Col. Chandler and his predecessors along with the staff and cadets have worked hard to improve the program and provide the best possible training. I know they will continue to maintain the highest standards."

Chandler said Northwestern's academic programs have helped ROTC.

"Our success has in no small part been the result of an excellent training program coupled with the university's diverse and rigorous academic offerings. That makes an unbeatable combination," said Chandler. "Our cadets are challenged both physically and mentally which generates individual success, satisfaction, and excitement to be a student at Northwestern and member of NSU's Demon Battalion.

Chandler said Northwestern's ROTC calls its program, "Xtreme Leadership 101." He said an environment is created which allows cadets to push themselves beyond their perceived abilities.

"The cadets are able to succeed and succeed big," said Chandler. "This success also spills over into every facet of the cadet's activity here at the university. Demon Battalion cadets are instantly identifiable by faculty, not by their uniform or haircut, but by their demeanor and confidence. They add value to every class they attend."

For more information on NSU's military science program, call (318) 357-5157 or go to www.nsula.edu/military.

Fed court rules Kentucky State violated First Amendment

Associated Press

In a landmark ruling, a panel of federal appellate judges said Jan. 5 that Kentucky State University officials violated the First Amendment when they confiscated the student yearbook, the Thorobred,because of the book's content and quality. In doing so, the court rejected the lower court's application of a high school-based censorship standard to expression by American college students.

"KSU officials' confiscation of the yearbooks violates the First Amendment and the university has no constitutionally valid reason to withhold distribution of the 1992-94 Thorobred from KSU students from that era," wrote Judge R. Guy Cole for the majority.

Today's 10-3 ruling in Kincaid v. Gibson by a panel of judges of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in Cincinnati was being watched closely by both school administrators and student media around the country. A contrary ruling could have given school officials significant leeway in censoring student news media and other forms of student expression on campus.

A coalition of civil rights associations, media organizations and journalism education groups, including every accredited journalism program in Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee — the states within the jurisdiction of the Sixth Circuit — had urged the court to strike down KSU's actions as unconstitutional.

Today's ruling follows a September 1999 decision by a divided three-judge panel of the Court of Appeals that found KSU officials had not violated student First Amendment rights when they confiscated the student yearbook and transferred the student publications adviser to a secretarial position after she refused to censor material critical of the university in the student newspaper. The yearbooks, which school officials objected to in part because the student editor chose to include a current events section and to make the cover purple instead of using the school colors, were never distributed and have been locked in a KSU storage room since their confiscation six years ago.

In that decision, the court had said that a high school-based censorship standard adopted by the U.S. Supreme Court in its 1988 Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier decision should also guide judges when determining the amount of legal protection for expression on the country's public college and university campuses. The decision — the first such ruling of its kind — was in stark contrast to court decisions over the past 30 years that have provided strong First Amendment protection to college student media.

In a rarely exercised legal procedure, the Court of Appeals threw out its initial decision in November 1999 and agreed to rehear the case before a larger panel of judges.

In today's decision, the majority noted a number of Supreme Court decisions that have found that the "university environment is the quintessential 'marketplace of ideas' which merits full, or indeed heightened, First Amendment protection" and rejected the court's application of Hazelwood to the college yearbook at issue.

"Nearly 13 years to the day after the Supreme Court allowed school officials greater censorship authority over the expression of many high school students, the court today has drawn a clear and strong line saying that such censorship must stop at the college gate," said Student Press Law Center Executive Director Mark Goodman.

The court flatly rejected KSU's argument that school officials were entitled to confiscate the yearbook because they were disappointed with the publication's quality and content.

Calling confiscation "amongst the purest forms of content alteration," Judge Cole wrote:

"We will not sanction a reading of the First Amendment that permits government officials to censor expression in a limited public forum in order to coerce speech that pleases the government."

"It took some time, but this court finally got this case right," Goodman said. "As this court's decision indicates, the very idea that books have been locked away by government officials on a public university campus for the past six years so that students cannot read them is more reminiscent of a third-world dictatorship than our American democracy. Kentucky State University will now have to live down its reputation as the university that attempted to bring an end to the free expression rights of college students.

"I can only hope that this ruling will serve as a wake-up call to other colleges and universities in the country that are inclined to censor the student press," he said. "This is a resounding endorsement of the free-press rights of college journalists."

Kentucky State University officials have not yet said whether they will appeal the case or when or how they will distribute the yearbooks.

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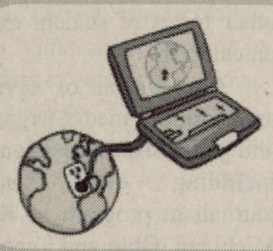


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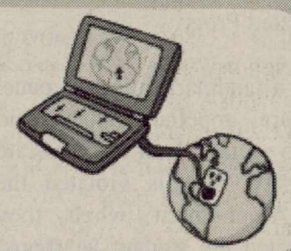
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It's Your LIFE



By Tara L. Gallien
LIFE Wellness Columnist

Help Me! I Need to Lose My Holiday Weight !

Gain weight over the holiday? If so, don't beat yourself up about it. Unless you had extreme willpower to resist holiday food or exercised above and beyond your normal exercise routine, some weight gain was inevitable. In fact, the average weight gain between Thanksgiving and the New Year is 5 - 7 pounds.

Weight control is based on a calorie budget. If you eat more calories than you burn, you will gain fat.

Conversely, if you burn more calories than you eat, you will lose fat. For example, if you require 2,400 calories per day to maintain your current weight, but eat only 2,000 calories, you will lose fat.

However, if you cut back on too many calories at once (more than 500 a day), you will get too hungry and possibly binge.

In addition, low calorie diets can trigger muscle loss, slow metabolic rate and prevent the body from obtaining essential nutrients. Slow and steady weight loss stays off; quick weight loss is quickly regained.

Theoretically, if you eat 500 fewer calories per day than you normally do, you should lose one pound per week because one pound of fat is the equivalent of about 3,500 calories.

500 calories x 7 days/week = 3,500 calories = 1 pound of fat

This equation may not always hold true, especially for individuals trying to lose weight beyond their body's set point (a predetermined weight that is appropriate for your body). This would be a good topic for another article.

Okay, so here it is - tips for dropping an extra few pounds of fat. Just remember, it is easier and faster to gain fat than to lose it. Patience and consistency are two very important components of successful weight loss.

Tip #1: Reduce your intake of calories by 20 percent.

First, figure out your daily calorie requirement using the following formula:

Step 1: determine your resting metabolic rate (RMR) by taking your body weight x 10. For example, if you are 150 pounds: 150 lb. x 10 calories = 1500 calories (RMR).

Step 2: determine how many calories you need for your daily activity level. If you are: sedentary add 20 - 40 percent of RMR; moderately active add 40 - 60 percent of RMR; very active add 60 - 80 percent RMR.

For example, if your RMR is 1500 calories (see above) and you are moderately active: 1500 calories RMR x .50 (I used 50 percent out of a range of 40 - 60 percent for moderate activity) = 750 calories.

Step 3: add the answers in step 1 and step 2: 1500 RMR + 750 = 2250 daily calories.

Now that you have determined your daily energy needs, you need to take 20 percent of it. This will be the number of calories you will need to cut back on to lose fat. For example, using the information above: 2250 x .20 = 450 calories. This is how many calories you would want to cut back on if you were a 150 lb person who is moderately active and wants to lose weight.

Four hundred and fifty calories is equivalent to approximately two non-diet soft drinks and a small bag of chips or candy bar. What ever you do, don't cut back on breakfast or lunch; cut your snacking and supper calories instead.

Also, if 20 percent is just too hard to cut back on, then use 15 percent. Although it might take you a little longer to lose the weight, your chances of adherence are greater if you don't feel like your depriving yourself.

Tip #2: Burn extra calories- approximately ten percent of your daily requirement intake.

The second part of any successful weight loss plan is to exercise or increase your daily energy expenditure to burn off extra calories. Eating less is only half of the solution.

Exercise has many beneficial qualities other than just burning calories. It reduces stress (which in time can be deadly), increases overall energy, improves immune system function, promotes lean muscle tissue growth and of course prevents numerous hypokinetic diseases (diseases caused by a lack of physical activity, e.g., high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, low back pain, etc.).

To determine how many extra calories you should burn off, use the following guideline. Take 10 percent of your daily energy requirement.

This will be the number of calories you should expend in addition to your normal energy expenditure. For example, using the 150lb person who is moderately active and needs 2250 calories a day: 2250 x .10 = 225 calories.

This is the number of calories you would need to burn in addition to your normal physical activity routine. Two hundred and twenty five calories is equivalent to approximately 30 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobics, 20 minutes of jogging, 50 minutes of brisk walking, or 1 hour of weight training.

Let's see now. If you were the person used in the example and you reduced your intake of calories by 450 x 6 days (7 days if you don't want a day off) and you expended an extra 225 calories x 4 days, you would have created a 3,600 calorie deficit for the week, which is a little more than one pound of fat.

I realize that this might look confusing, but it doesn't have to be. If you have any questions about what I have written or questions about other health topics, please email me at tarag@nsula.edu. Good luck!

Roberts, Gibson come out on top during 27th People's Choice Awards

By Randall S. Frederick
Life Editor

The People's Choice Awards, held at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium, participated in the Hollywood award season this weekend.

Smaller award shows like the People's Choice Awards and the American Music Awards often get lost among the bigger ceremonies like the Oscars and Grammys. Despite the lower ratings, they are just as important.

Instead of judging by sales or by a small jury of experienced professionals, the PCA awards actors and singers by polling the fans.

This year, the polling was held via a random Gallup phone poll of 1200 people.

Ironically, John Goodman was handed the award for Favorite Performer in a Television Comedy Series for his short-lived FOX program, *Normal, Ohio.*

This award comes just weeks after the network announced its decision to cancel the show.

But one of the more interesting handouts was the choice of *The Green Mile* for both Favorite Motion Picture and Favorite Dramatic Motion Picture. While *The Green Mile* was definitely a worthy choice,the film came out in 1999, which should have officially kept it off the ballot.

Similarly, recent hits like *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas* and *Cast Away* did not make the list since their releases came after the choices had been named.

The People's Choice Awards are often seen as a front runner to the Oscars. The relationship between the selection of both ceremonies often run parallel with each other with a few differences. Jim Carrey is the most noticeable difference between the two ceremonies' picks.

After winning a PCA for *The Truman Show*, he was shocked to hear he had not been nominated for a golden statuette.

As Oscar season begins the whispers of who will be picked, Julia Roberts has been mentioned by several top media moguls as being a possible contender for the little golden man.

Her work in Steven Sodenburgh's *Erin Brockovich* is being called her best work to date, even better than her role in the smaller budget film *Steel Magnolias*. Anybody remember that one?

Here are a complete list of winners:

Motion Picture: *The Green Mile*
Dramatic Motion Picture: *The Green Mile*
Comedy Motion Picture: *Meet the Parents*
Motion Picture Star in a Comedy: *Jim Carrey*
Motion Picture Star in a Drama: *Mel Gibson*
Motion Picture Actor: *Mel Gibson*
Motion Picture Actress: *Julia Roberts*
Male Television Performer: *Drew Carey*
Female Television Performer: *Jennifer Aniston*
Television Comedy Series: *Friends*
Television Dramatic Series: *ER*
New Television Comedy Series: *Ed*
New Television Dramatic Series: *Dark Angel*
Reality-Based Television Program: *Survivor*
Male Musical Performer: *Garth Brooks*
Female Musical Performer: *Faith Hill*
Musical Group or Band: *'N Sync*



File Photo
Julia Roberts, minutes after being handed the award for Motion Picture Actress.

Top 10 Box Office Films for the week of Jan. 11

1) *CastAway*
2) *Traffic*
3) *What Women Want*
4) *Miss Congeniality*
5) *The Family Man*
6) *Dracula 2000*
7) *Vertical Limit*
8) *The Emperor's New Groove*
9) *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*
10) *Dude, Where's My Car?*

What's Love Got To Do With It ?

By Anonymous

Love is the most beautiful, awesome, powerful part of us. Each of us are meant to be touched by its splendid wonder. Purposefully or passively, love has, is and will deeply impact all of our lives.

Love expressed and received in the heart and life, within the correct definition of love, will unfold the beauty of the most sacred romance that men and women, young and old, will ever know.

Love will produce a healthy heart— a heart that is unfenced, unchained, un-walled and free to let us experience all of the joys of life, healthy emotions and worthwhile relationships with friends, family and loved ones.

But love (or the things that we call love in our wounded states, when we are at a loss, floundering to come up with our own definition of it) can sometimes be distorted and can hurt us and others. Since we, like everyone else on earth,, have been hurt at some point or another by a loved one, we sometimes detach ourselves from relationships. This way, we can't be hurt. We distort the true definition of what love is, asking others to open and make themselves vulnerable to us, but allowing ourselves a safe distance to stay hidden in our walled and fenced-in compartments.

This kind of action, which is not love, is destructive, abusing, self-annihilating and cruel. We look for things to ease the pain and help fill the void. We begin reaching for substitutes to compensate for our not being loved and the consequential feeling of not being able to reciprocate.

Today, the person you are is the effect of love on you. You are either a happy, well-balanced, socially functional person, or you are a sullen, withdrawn recluse that has a bitter, cynical outlook on life and love. Possibly, if you fall into the second category, you have turned to smoking, drinking or drugs. The quest for something to help you feel like "one of the crowd" or a "fun person" has led you down a self-destructive spiral of behavior to help anesthetize the pain in your life.

Despite these activities, you don't feel any better. You feel lonely, feel as if something is missing, feel pain inside. Pain that came because the love given to you by a parent, friend or significant other was distorted, perverted, selfish, egotistic and/or dominating. This sent what we will call the "Message of the Arrows" into your young, innocent, vulnerable heart. The "Message" screaming at you to "Close off! Shutdown your heart! Never give again! Look out for yourself! Never get hurt again by anyone! Never allow anyone to hurt you! This is all you have to look forward to in life!"

So, in essence, the "Message of Arrows" was lodged in us by experiences of wrong love and has greatly influenced us to be the people and society we are.

The lines we have sentenced ourselves to live by, such as, "I'll never have the love I want ..." or "I just won't need anyone, I won't allow myself to need anyone, I can make it without love" are evidence in themselves of hearts that have given up on the sacred romance and have been poisoned with the lies of the "Message of Arrows." Because these "Arrows" strike with such force and authority, we resign ourselves over time to say, "Maybe if I don't want so much, I won't be so vulnerable." Instead of dealing with the "Arrows" and the past, we silence our longing. We make ourselves into new people. People don't believe true love is real, but they are always hoping for something more. This seems to be our only hope to survive, and because of it, we lose heart and faith.

I can remember how, as a young boy, the sacred romance called to me. It was filled with excitement and endless hope. It showed me a future shining with bright resonance, a future of conquest and victories over the perils and pitfalls of life, where I lived happily ever after.

Little did I know that lurking in the shadows of the lives of the people I loved and respected most as a child, out of view from my young vision, the evil archer had already pulled the bowstring tight to release his barrage of "Arrows," hurting their hearts, and hurting me through them at a time when my heart was most open.

These significant others that we trust so deeply, fathers, mothers, friends, teachers, are people we expect the care, compassion and unconditional love that will help nurture us to adulthood.

Instead, these are the people who end up wounding us the deepest. Not realizing that it was not their fault, for they too had been wounded in their childhood by the same evil archer at a time when their heart was most open also, we slowly build a wall around us, like they did. brick by brick, we build the castles of bitterness, cynicism and pain, repeating the process set in motion by our loved ones and turning it onto those who look up to us and love us. We hurt others because we have been hurt. This seems justified in our wounded state. We were hurt, so we can freely hurt others.

My life was headed for the same doom of losing heart and wounding my own children in the same dreadful way. Then one day I met love himself. He did what no one else could do when I trusted him. He neutralized the poison of the "Message of the Arrows" with the truth of his love and opened my heart. He drew me back into what I was created for, "The Sacred Romance."

I encourage you with this: Don't settle. Don't quit. Don't give up. Don't sentence yourself based on the lies of the "Arrows." You can love again! You can be loved! You can meet Love himself also!

Look closer, Grammys

Travesty of all travesties finds Eminem nominated for various Grammy awards

Opinion

By Randall S. Frederick
Life Reporter

Travesty of all travesties, Eminem has been nominated for a Grammy. The vile, venom-spewing 28 year old rapper has somehow managed to not only gain success but to garner several Grammy nods. What does this say about society? What does it say about the music industry? Has America sunk to such a low that we now award racist hate-mongers?

It has been reported by media outlets from Entertainment Tonight to CNN that when the nominations were announced, journalists and bystanders stood in open-mouthed shock when Album of the Year was followed by the name Marshall Mathers. By the time Best Male Artist was named, people openly wept. I would venture to guess, as most others, that these were not tears of joy for our favorite bottle-bleached blonde.

Marshall Mathers has been followed by lawsuit after lawsuit. His own mother has raised a defa tion suit, as has his wife for th slanderous lyrics Mathers writes. So distraught was Eminem's wife that she tried to kill herself just to get away from him. Although the two have reconciled and reunited, one can only wonder how long the two can stay together now.

I speak to the women reading this now. Would you feel as if your marriage was fulfilling and happy if your husband sang about killing you? Would you feel comfortable when your husband had millions of his fans singing this same song? Even as a man, I cannot imagine life ever being the same. I cannot imagine the emotions that would well up when he would say, I love you just a few hours after coming off a stage where he degraded you.

This is mental abuse at it's peak. A man like that should be ashamed of himself. Yet we reward him. It boggles my mind. Not only does the public honor him by buying his records, but now the Grammys, a respected institution of the best music has to offer, honors him by naming him and his work in several categories.

I know many of you out there will disagree with me, and I can accept that. But I would have to request we take a look not only at ourselves but at our society. In a world where I'm okay, you're okay has become the slogan, should we award people that would have been ignored just four years ago?

Think of it. Four years ago, would you be happy to sing along with an artist who sang about killing his wife? Not just killing her, though. No, no. Decapitating her, then driving around town casually with her head in the trunk. In the words of the critically successful film, *American Beauty*, I urge you to *Look Closer.*

The 43rd Annual Grammy Awards will be handed out Feb. 21 on CBS.



File Photo
The 43rd Annual Grammy Awards will be shown on Feb. 21on CBS at 7pm. Check your local listings for more information.

Below are the Grammy Nominees

Record of the Year
"Say My Name," Destiny's Child
"I Try," Macy Gray
"Music," Madonna
"Bye Bye Bye," 'N Sync
"Beautiful Day," U2

Album of the Year
Midnite Vultures, Beck
The Marshall Mathers LP, Eminem
Kid A, Radiohead
You're the One, Paul Simon
Two Against Nature, Steely Dan

Song of the Year
"Beautiful Day"
"Breathe"
"I Hope You Dance"
"I Try"
"Say My Name"

New Artist
Shelby Lynne
Brad Paisley
Papa Roach
Jill Scott
Sisqó

Female Pop Vocal Performance
"What a Girl Wants," Christina Aguilera
" I Try," Macy Gray
"Music," Madonna
"Save Me," Aimee Mann
"Both Sides Now," Joni Mitchell
"Oops!...I Did It Again," Britney Spears

Male Pop Vocal Performance
"You Sang to Me," Marc Anthony
"Taking You Home," Don Henley
"She Bangs," Ricky Martin
"6, 8, 12," Brian McKnight
"She Walks This Earth (Soberana Rosa)," Sting

Pop Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocal
"Show Me the Meaning of Being Lonely," Backstreet Boys
"Pinch Me," Barenaked Ladies
"Breathless," The Corrs
"Bye Bye Bye," 'N Sync
"Cousin Dupree," Steely Dan

Pop Collaboration with Vocals
"Thank God I Found You," Mariah Carey Featuring Joe & 98 Degrees
"The Difficult Kind," Sheryl Crow & Sarah McLachlan
"All the Way," Celine Dion & Frank Sinatra
"Turn Your Lights Down Low," Lauryn Hill & Bob Marley
"Is You Is, or Is You Ain't (My Baby)," B.B. King & Dr. John

Dance Recording
"Who Let the Dogs Out," Baha Men
"Blue (Da Ba Dee)," Eiffel 65
"Be with You," Enrique Iglesias
"Let's Get Loud," Jennifer Lopez
"Natural Blues," Moby

Pop Vocal Album
Inside Job, Don Henley
Oops! I did it Again, Britney Spears
No Strings Attached, 'N Sync
Music, Madonna
Two Against Nature, Steely Dan

Rock Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocal
"It's My Life," Bon Jovi
"With Arms Wide Open," Creed
"Learn to Fly," Foo Fighters
"Californication," Red Hot Chili Peppers
"Beautiful Day," U2

Female R&B Vocal Performance
"Try Again," Aaliyah
"Bag Lady," Erykah Badu
"He Wasn't Man Enough," Toni Braxton
"As We Lay," Kelly Price
"Gettin' in the Way," Jill Scott

Male R&B Vocal Performance
"Untitled (How Does It Feel)," D'Angelo
"I Wanna Know," Joe
"I Wish," R. Kelly
"Stay or Let It Go," Brian McKnight
"Thong Song," Sisqó

Hectic first week: Moving in

By Josh Green
Life Reporter

Luggage is unloaded, bags are unpacked and a new semester has started for University on-campus residents.

Campus administration said move-in for the spring semester went very smoothly.

"It seemed as though the majority of students were ready to come back to campus," said Francis Conine, director of university auxiliary services.

Conine said she estimates about 95 percent of the residents moved in promptly, Saturday or before. She said this is a common occurrence after the Christmas holidays.

"I was ready to come back to school," said Kristina Klco, a sophomore nursing major from Chicago, IL.

"I missed my friends and was ready to get back to small town Natchitoches," Klco said.

Klco said getting snowed in at Chicago was a common occurrence over the break.

"It's nice to see your family, but being cooped up for over a week will make you want to be back in Natchitoches," Klco said.

Klco is one of several students who were paired with a new roommate whom, prior to moving in, had never met before. She said she was somewhat nervous about meeting her new roommate for the first time but was calm when getting back to Natchitoches.

Conine said fewer students get new roommates in the spring than in the fall.

"The majority of the students meet roommates for the spring semester by either befriending them in classes or by rooming with them before," Conine said.

Conine said her offices do their best to pair roommates up together who will not clash.

One way of doing this is the questionnaire on application cards for the residence halls. Conine said this feature was added about six months ago and contains questions like "are you a smoker; do you like to keep your room clean" and other questions that aid the office in making a good match of roommates.

The whole process of matching roommates usually takes the housing department a few weeks to complete.

Students living off campus for the first time this semester must also adjust to their new living environment.

Shelli Briery, a junior journalism major, has gone from a home here on campus to a home on wheels.

"I now share a trailer with two other friends of mine," Briery said. "I think now I feel even more independent than I did when I first moved on campus."

She said the biggest change is not having the security of a hall network of peers in the residence halls.

Students like Briery must also adjust to the drive through the city of Natchitoches.

"I miss the convenience of waking up and walking to class. Now, I have to fight the traffic, trains and people to make it class on time," Briery said.

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Sports

Taylor declares for NFL Draft

By Kris Collinsworth
Sauce Reporter

Junior tailback Tony Taylor, who set Northwestern State all-time rushing and scoring marks, will mail his application for the 2001 National Football League Draft and will not play his senior year.

"It was a hard decision, taking almost one month to decide," Taylor said. "I spent that time talking with different people. Whether good or bad, I will have no regret about the decision."

Upon sending the paperwork to the NFL Draft, Taylor will lose his eligibility for that sport, but can compete in a different sport. Taylor will compete with the Northwestern State Demon track and field team as a triple jumper.

Taylor ended the 2000 season finishing fourth at the Southland Conference Championships with a personal best of 51-4 1/2.

After contemplating not returning for the 2001 season, Taylor told an Alexandria television station late Tuesday afternoon that he will send the paperwork to enter the Draft on Wednesday.

The 5-9, 190-pound tailback ran for 3,720 yards and 32 touchdowns in 33 regular season games, averaging 5.4 yards per carry. Taylor gained all except 99 yards while rising through the lineup midway of the seventh game during his freshman year.

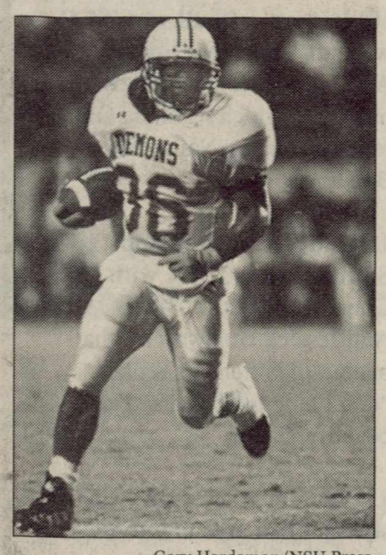
He broke 100 yards or more in 20 of 33 games, performing this once against all seven Southland teams. Taylor helped lead the 1998 Demons squad to a 11-3 record and the Division I-AA playoffs.

Taylor surmounted the career and single-season totals at Northwestern State etched by former pro stars Joe Delaney, Charlie Tolar, and John Stephens while breaking 13 records and averaging 112.7 yards per game.

"The biggest factor is that I will graduate, either at the end of the spring semester or during the first session of summer school," Taylor told. "Then I can try to make it in pro football and be happy about this decision."

"Clearly everyone in our athletic department and everybody who follows Northwestern will be disappointed at this news, and that disappointment goes far beyond his accomplishments as a football player and track athlete," Greg Burke said, admitting disappointment over the decision while applauding Taylor.

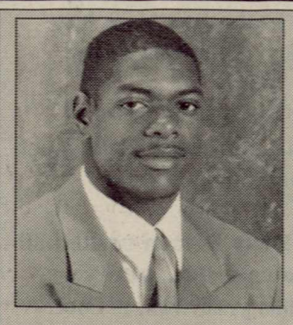
"It's more inclusive of the kind of person he's been and the kind of leader he's been in our department. He came out of high school in the eyes of the system as an academic risk and four years later he is on the verge of earning a degree."



Gary Hardamon/NSU Press

Tony Taylor, the most elusive running back in NSU history, will file the paperwork to enter the 2001 NFL Draft.

Tony's Legacy



In his three seasons at NSU, Tony Taylor owns nearly every school rushing record, 20 100-yard rushing games and 30 rushing TD's. Here are some of the more notable accomplishments from No. 36

- 3,720 rushing yards
- 4,310 All-purpose yards
- 32 total touchdowns
- 13 school records
- 2000 SLC Player of the Year
- First- Team Al-SLC, 1998, 1999, 2000
- First-Team All-Louisiana 1999, 2000

"That 36 is a man. He runs the football the way you're supposed to run it."

-Mike Kruczek, Head Coach, Central Florida

Compiled by Kris Collinsworth and the NSU SID



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Kory Wilson drives for two of his five points against McNeese Monday night. His five, combined with the 72 other Demon points were almost bested by McNeese Guards Tierre Brown and Demond Mallet, who scored 60 points combined in the 96-77 Demon loss.

Mallet and Brown explode for 60, McNeese cruises past Demons 96-77

by Cooda Dobin
Sauce Reporter

The Demon basketball team suffered their first conference lost of the season, losing by a score of 96-77 to the McNeese Cowboys Monday night in Prather Coliseum.

The Demons, who had been the only unbeaten team in the conference, fall to 3-1 in conference play. The game was played in front of 1,630 people, the largest turn out of fans this year.

The Cowboys left three of the five Demon starters scoreless in the first half.

The Demons leading scorer Michael Byars-Dawson matched the shooting efforts of the Cowboys leading scorer Demon Mallet at 18 points for the first half. Byars-Dawson went on to score a total of 26 points

"As a team we can't get down," Byars-Dawson commented. "Losing is a step backwards, but we have to step our game up a few notches to take some steps forward."

Senior Will Burks added 14 points, and Melvin Roberts came off the bench to add 11 points and five rebounds.

Mallet, Louisiana Sports Writers Association Player of the week and Southland Conference player of the week, went on to score 31 points. Teammate Tierre Brown went on to score 29 points.

Both senior guards have led the Cowboys to their fourth straight win, combining for over 40 points per game.

"Give credit to McNeese. they have a very fine basketball team," Demon head coach Mike McConathy said. "We allowed them to score too many baskets in transition after our turnovers, and we got beat down the floor a few more times. You can't give up on those kinds of points and hang with a team that played as well as McNeese."

"Mallet and Brown are two of the best guards in the conference, and we had a tough time once they got going," said Demon Assistant Coach Joe Peterson. "We need to play forty minutes hard as we can to be successful."

The Demons tried every combination off the bench but could find no match for the Cowboys.

The Demons will now travel to take on University of Texas-Arlington tonight and Stephen F. Austin on Saturday.

Tonight's Game

NSU Lady Demons vs. UT-Arlington Lady Mavericks
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NSU Demons vs. UT-Arlington Mavericks
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In Case You Missed It

The Demons and Lady Demons played a combined eleven games during the holiday. Here's a recap of those games and the up-to-date conference standings.

Men's Results

at Oklahoma State..... 59-73 L

at Oral Roberts..... 85-78 W

at Arkansas..... 47-115 L

SAM HOUSTON..... 77-75 W

LAMAR..... 62-43 W

at Louisiana-Monroe.... 63-61 W

Men's Standings

Nicholls State.....	5-1
Sam Houston State...	4-1
Northwestern State..	3-1
Texas-San Antonio...	3-2
McNeese State.....	4-3
Southwest Texas.....	2-3
Southeastern La.....	2-3
Lamar.....	2-3
Stephen F. Austin...	2-4
Texas-Arlington.....	2-4
Louisiana-Monroe....	1-5

Women's Results

at SE La..... 59-50 W

at Nicholls State... 89-77 W

LAMAR..... 43-55 L

SAM HOUSTON 61-54 W

MCNEESE STATE 82-43W

Women's Standings

Stephen F. Austin...	6-0
Louisiana-Monroe....	5-0
Northwestern State..	4-1
Texas-San Antonio...	4-1
Lamar.....	3-2
Southeastern La.....	2-4
Sam Houston State...	1-3
McNeese State.....	1-4
Southwest Texas.....	1-4
Nicholls State.....	1-5
Texas-Arlington.....	1-5

Former Alexandria star transfers to NSU

by Mindy Mixon
Sauce Reporter

The competition for the position of quarterback at NSU becomes fiercer every passing semester. The latest addition to the Demon roster is former LSU quarterback Craig Nall.

The Alexandria product officially transferred from LSU last Friday. In a written statement Nall said "at Northwestern I'll have a chance to compete for the starting job, playing 45 minutes from home in a traditionally strong program with a great coaching staff. It's a real class act."

Ben Beach, last season's starting quarterback who transferred from University of Louisiana at Monroe, welcomes Nall, stating, "I don't really know that much about him yet but he will push me to work that much harder. We can probably look forward to a tough spring but in the end it will only make all of us that much better."

Head Coach Steve Roberts stresses that all of them will have to compete.

"When you get a player of Craig's caliber you have to give him an opportunity," remarks Roberts. "But he will be expected to work hard."

When asked why the recruitment of so many quarterbacks, Roberts responded, "I feel comfortable with a few quarterbacks because with that many players you have good depth. You never know when someone will get hurt or what can happen through the course of a season."

Nall is certainly built for football, standing 6-3 and weighing in around 227 pounds. Roberts commented on his physique noting, "he is able to enhance the position of quarterback with his size and arm strength."

Nall also has plans to join the track and field team as a javelin thrower.

Nall or nothing



Nall

Craig Nall
Quarterback
6-4, 218, Junior
Experience: 1 Letter
Alexandria, La.

Alexandria Senior High

Has played in 14 games the last 2 years, so he brings experience to the position. He has a good arm and awareness.

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Predictions for Spring 2001

Sports editor gives 13 things to look for in Demon spring sports



Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

Happy new year everyone!

We've just left an interesting year of sports and are about to embark on a new sports year. There are new records to be broken, more captivating stories to cover, more athletes getting DUI's, but most importantly, more chances for sports prognosticators, like me, too look really good or really stupid with Spring 2001 predictions.

So, I will look into my crystal ball of knowledge and give my Top 12 things to look for in 2001. Some of them deal with pro sports, some deal with college,, most deal with NSU sports. I'll make my predictions, and in the last edition of this year's *Current Sauce,* we'll see how well I've done.

If I get one right, you'll probably see me brag and gloat about how smart I am. If I'm wrong, I'll probably deny all evidence suggesting I submitted a particular pick.

So lets look ahead into the future...

1) Minnesota Vikings beat the Baltimore Ravens 35-10 in the Super Bowl.
Baltimore beats the best team in the AFC in Tennessee, survives the zoo in Oakland, only to get pounded by the best offensive team in industrialized world. Talk about an injustice. At least Ray Lewis had a good year. Sort of.

2) Someone from the Lady Demon basketball team has this year's freshman of the year.
And on a team with five freshman, somebody better come away with this award.

3) The Lady Demon basketball team sweeps SFA...next year.
As for this year, well, it's not looking too good. Maybe they'll steal one against the Ladyjacks.

4) SFA wins the conference tournament...again
...and again, and again, and again...

5) Micheal Byars-Dawson wins SLC newcomer of the year award.
Unless, of course, Demond Mallet elbows him in the throat and he can't play for the rest of the year.

6) The Demons have someone, ANYONE, make the all-conference team.
As for who that person might be, see No. 5

7) Demons go to the NCAA Tournament, beating McNeese in the finals.
And after the game, Josh Hancock takes a cowbell from a McNeese fan and rings it incessantly while chanting "I'm a F'n Demon!"

8) Demon Baseball wins the first game against LSU.
But at the second game, Skip Bertman tells coach Cohen, "Look, that first game nobody cared about, but its getting close to the College World Series and were gonna have to tear you out a new one."

9) Lyn Rollins, the voice of the Demon Sports Network, uses that "confused as a duck in the desert" reference more than twice this season.
And afterwards, Dan Rather calls him up and asks his permission to use it in the CBS Nightly News.

10) Demon softball wins SLC without Coach McNutt.
And Jessica Holaway for that matter, to which Amanda Ortego replies, "Nanny Nanny Boo Boo."

11) Southern Mississippi Softball wins CUSA with Coach McNutt.
And Jessica Holaway for that matter, to which she replies, "don't hate me because I'm beautiful."

12) Demon track team will send four or five members to the U.S Nationals again.
But you won't hear about it until 2004, you know, when people care about track again. Except for us at the *Current Sauce. WE* LOVE TRACK!

13) Demon Tennis still finishes middle of the road in the SLC.
But you know what would be cool, if one of those Williams girls could show up at one of the matches. Or that Kornikova girl. That would be great.

These are my 13 predictions for the Spring 2001 semester. Be sure to check out the April 26th edition of the Current Sauce to see if I'm the next sports prophet or if I should hide my head in shame.

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NSU's Literary Magazine

Now accepting submissions for the spring publication of *Argus.* Turn in your submissions to the Writing Center (3rd floor in Kyser). Please include a total of five copies (one copy for artwork) and if possible a copy on an IBM Compatible 2.5 disk. Cut out this form and attach it to your submissions. Please DO NOT write your name on the entry!

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8-Ball Pool ..... Wed., Jan. 24, 6pm
Dart Tournament ..... Tue., Jan. 30, 6pm
Dominoes ..... Wed., Feb. 7, 5pm
Softball Officials' Clinic ..... Mon. - Tue., Feb. 19 - 20, 3pm
Bingo ..... Tue., Feb. 20, 6pm
Softball Team Capt. Mtg. ..... Wed., Feb. 21, 6pm
Homerun Derby ..... Thur., Mar. 1, 3pm
Bench Press Meet ..... Tue., Mar. 6, 7pm
Spades Tournament ..... Fri., Mar. 9, 5pm
Singles Tennis ..... Wed., Mar. 14, 7pm
Doubles Badminton ..... Tue., Mar. 20, 6pm
3 Person Golf Scramble ..... Mon, Mar. 26, 2pm
Trivial Pursuit ..... Thur., Apr. 5, 6pm
4-On-4 Flag Football ..... Mon. - Wed., Apr. 16 - 18, 3pm
LCIRSA State Tournament ..... Fri. - Sun., Apr. 20 - 22
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IM Gym

BASKETBALL TEAM CAPTAINS' MEETING

Wed., Jan 17
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
IM Building, Room 114

8 BALL POOL

Wed., Jan. 24
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DARTS

Tue., Jan. 30
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Opinions

Instant Wisdom

with Tony Blanco

Reader discretion advised

Is it January already? Springtime? Love and flowers and joy and rain and a bare minimum of 9 orgasms a week?

Is this really the season of watching second semester students slowly begin to understand exactly how little work is required of them at this place? Is it time to watch the kind hearted little frat pledges grow up to be the callous, bitter, angry frat boys we seem to see all over campus?

If we compare fraternities to cattle ranches and frat boys to cows, then usually the fall semester is what is known as "the big round up," and the spring can be likened to cows in the slaughter house or being stuck in a small container waiting to be milked over and over until you die.

Now is the time where the brotherhood chants start to die down and a recently inducted brother of a fraternity begins to feel the weight of their decision pulling at their soul (so to speak.). It is their duty and curse to be the social elite of this campus. It is a decision they made and one that will haunt them for the rest of their college careers.

They are no longer allowed to be nice guys. It may seem sad, but you will get to watch those same nice kids who also happen to be fraternity pledges mature into the frat boy jerk stereotype straight out of an early 80's college movie (you know, the ones with a rag-tag band of outcast heroes who have to defeat the bastard frat boys in some form of inane contest.) You will see a pleasant grin slowly replaced by a smug look of superiority over anyone who bears the mark of distinction of being of Greek.

And why not? A frat, from all outside appearances is the sweetest deal you should have thought of. Join a brotherhood! Go Greek! WOO! Let's tell our contestant what he stands to gain; parties, girls, friends, good times and those letters, oh God those letters, those magic letters that set you apart from the rest of campus. Not just apart but on top. You become a winner, instantly. With a little cash for dues, you have access to the backdoor to everything a young man could want. Or, so it would appear....

The problem with frats on the NSU campus is that there are few, with fewer members in smaller concentrations than on other campuses, and when a pledge hits a social peak so quickly, he learns that he is all alone with the top. And those letters that should evoke jealousy and envy in the hearts of those around him are instead met with hatred and suspicion. In other words, people who are not Greek, don't usually like or trust Greeks, generally on principle.

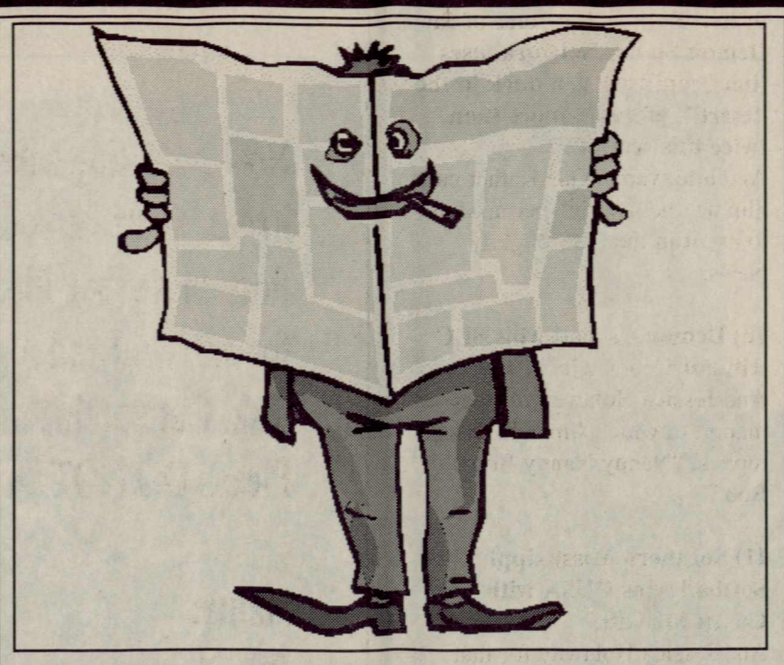
The funny thing is the new member doesn't really get to find this out until he has already sold his soul away. You would be an asshole too if you realized that by wanting to be popular you have alienated everyone around you. You can close a lot of doors when you are looking for the quick friends.

I would warn anyone who wishes to go Greek by saying that there is no money back guarantee for the cash on delivery social scene. If you are a sucker and buy in, don't be surprised when you get sold out. What could maybe just be a stupid freshman phase becomes a permanent decision that will affect the rest of your undergraduate career. They will get you, and they will get your money.

Pay up. You lose. The next three years is already decided for you. You may stop thinking now....

I can't bring myself to really care about these people at all. You want to be mad because they made this choice for themselves, but at the same time, they had no idea what they were doing, but the fact remains that they live in a dream world. They are unpopular and demand that they are the best in the world. If I feel anything for the poor Greek, it's pity.

So remember, when you are sitting in the union enjoying a quiet meal and you see the Greeks keeping to themselves using big talk to cover an empty lifestyle, just think this, "There but for the grace of God, go me."



The Good, The Bad and The Ugly

with Josh Beavers

Well here it is. The first week of my last semester at good old NSU. It's had highs and it's had lows, but all in all I wouldn't trade my days here for all the gold in *Three Kings*.

Now that time is drawing to an end, I have begun the next phase of my life - career planning. It started a little while back with a search for an internship for the summer. I applied to newspapers all over the country, from the Washington Times to the Haynesville News and everything in between. I had gotten a pretty good response from a paper in Colorado and one in Florida, but I'm not all about going way off simply to do an internship. I had my sites set on someplace more close to home.

Hey, why not live for free with the folks and drive in, rather than going 2000 miles away and paying two Gs a month for a 3 foot by 6 foot dump with only Larry and Phil the cockroaches as roommates.

So, I set the old eyes on a close to home regional paper. The process starts and I get in touch with as many people as I can. I pass out resumes, my best work samples, and maintain contact every week to check the progress. Time goes by and I keep getting the runaround. Finally, I get a straight answer after 2 months of pursuit.

Sorry, I am told, we're not hiring any independent interns this year. We're only hiring through the ",...." program. I enquired as to what the "...." program was and I was told it was a program to promote equality and diversity in the journalism world.

I do not want to brag, but I have a pretty impressive resume. I have a ton of experience in this field, dare I say, just as much as anyone else I have ever met my age.

I wasn't even considered. My resumes were probably balled up and used to clean up after one of their parakeets.

What is wrong with this? Is this fair? Is this the best way to solve our equality problems? Does this act really help anything?

A less open minded person than I could perhaps bear resentment for what had happened.

Do I? No, not at all. It just means I have to work harder. I have to sell myself better. After all, I know what I can do. Just have to work harder to show those in power.

That's the lesson I want everyone to learn from this - no matter how much you think something should be one way, that doesn't mean it will. You have to make your own way, because there will always be obstacles and not everyone has doors swung open for them. So, the best way to get through those closed doors is straight on and full force. Sort of like Oakland Sunday running straight on to Tampa and Super Bowl 35.

Josh Beavers
Editor

Letter to the Editor

Re: Blair Begala's letter of 12/7/2000

Please allow me to respond to Ms. Begala's letter about the NSU Marching Band's conduct during the SFA football game. The letter asserted the band should be ashamed and embarrassed because they left Nacogdoches during the third quarter.

As an alumna of the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band, a member of the music faculty and a personal friend to the band directors and students, I speak for the band in saying that we were hurt, angry and dismayed at Ms. Begala's assertions. She should ask why the band left before accusing it of "knowing nothing about...support for our team."

The band left for safety reasons and for financial reasons. The weather conditions were icy, freezing and sleeting. A travel advisory was issued from the National Weather Service predicting more ice and sleet. Because it was the beginning of the Thanksgiving break, many students were driving directly from the game to home, some traveling five hours or more. The band directors let students go sooner rather than later to avoid a tragic accident that could have cost someone their life.

Furthermore, the band has over $200,000 worth of equipment, much of which was being damaged by the rain and sleet. Surely Ms. Begala would not like to see the demise of equipment that all of the students of NSU and all of the taxpayers of Louisiana helped to fund.

The band did not decide to leave because of any lack of school spirit or pride, nor because they were uncomfortable in the rain and cold.

The NSU Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band is the largest and most ardent supporter of the Demons. Many other universities have bands that never travel with their teams, never pay attention to the game, never cheer or yell and never show devotion to their school. That can never be said about the NSU Band.

Ms. Begala should be proud that she attends a university with a band that numbers over 300 members, sounds great, shows enthusiastic team spirit and all with a state funding level that is below all other schools in the University of Louisiana system. If the SFA band did hold up a sign reading "High School Band" and chanted derogatory comments as the NSU band left the stadium, it only reflects on their own sense of "sour grapes."

They may have the winning football team, but anyone who hears the two bands knows which is superior.

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I would like to thank those who have written in. Your support is appreciated. Furthermore, any work that may be of interest to the student body should be submitted.

Mary Freeman,
Opinions Editor

The Box by Darcy Rain

Readers Note: This is part one of a series that will continue periodically throughout the semester.

Not many people know me. I pretty much keep to myself. I'm a quiet wallflower I guess you would say, but I'm not sure a flower of any sort would be an appropriate description. For the first time, I would like to speak out.

You see, I have a story to tell that is intriguing and somewhat horrifying.

Something has happened to me that I have been unable to figure out...something I cannot control. This morning I awoke in a box.

A box. About six feet all around, I think. I can only be grateful that I am only 5'2". The box is dark except for a light that illuminates one corner, but the origin of this light remains unknown.

Naturally, when I woke I was struck with great confusion. Am I still dreaming? I stand and look around, and terror sinks into my stomach. I can see nothing but the illuminated corner.

I walk towards the light in an attempt to find security, I suppose. Darkness is always pretty scary. You can't see what is around you. It's the realm of the unknown. So I sit in the lit corner and stare into the blackness. The other walls are not visible from where I am.

I touch my fingertips to the wall by the light. I can see that the walls are wooden with old, worn paint of a beige color. Perhaps it used to be white and has aged into the dreary color that it is now. I run my hand along the walls and walk around the box. Paint crumbles beneath my fingers, and I can hear it crack and fall to the floor. There are no doors. No windows. Just a solid wall.

I become frantic, banging on the walls with my fists and ****could be a little more descriptive/tense...its an important moment**** kicking and screaming with the hope that someone--anyone could here my cries of desperation.

As I throw my hands against the wall, I can feel its firmness. These walls are unsurpassable. Paint chips ****and fingernails?****fly around me and fall to the floor. Other than myself, the shedding of the wall is the only sound. No one is around. No one can hear me.

I turn around and seat myself in the corner of light...the corner of warmth. I curl up, bury my face in my hands, and cry. Why am I here? How did I get here? Nothing is making any sense. I am alone and very scared.

It's cold in the box. As I think about it, the cold is the isolation, not necessarily the temperature. Analyzing my situation sends shivers down my spine.

What can I do? I am trapped. I am trapped. Solid walls surround me on all sides, and I can reach the ceiling that covers the entire box and is just as strong as the walls. Escape seems hopeless. I am trapped.

I pace around the box for what seems to be hours. There is no way to tell, though. I have no access to clocks or watches. I don't even know if it is day or night. I have no concept of time. Time does not exist for me. Not in here. All I have is now.

I try and try to figure out what's going on. There must be a logical explanation. Right? Here I sit. In solitude. In complete silence. In this box. I have only my thoughts.

All of a sudden I hear a thud on the floor to my left that abruptly pierces the silence my ears had grown accustomed to. Quite a startling experience, I must say. I nervously creep to where the sound came from and graze my hand along the floor. A box of matches had fallen to the floor.

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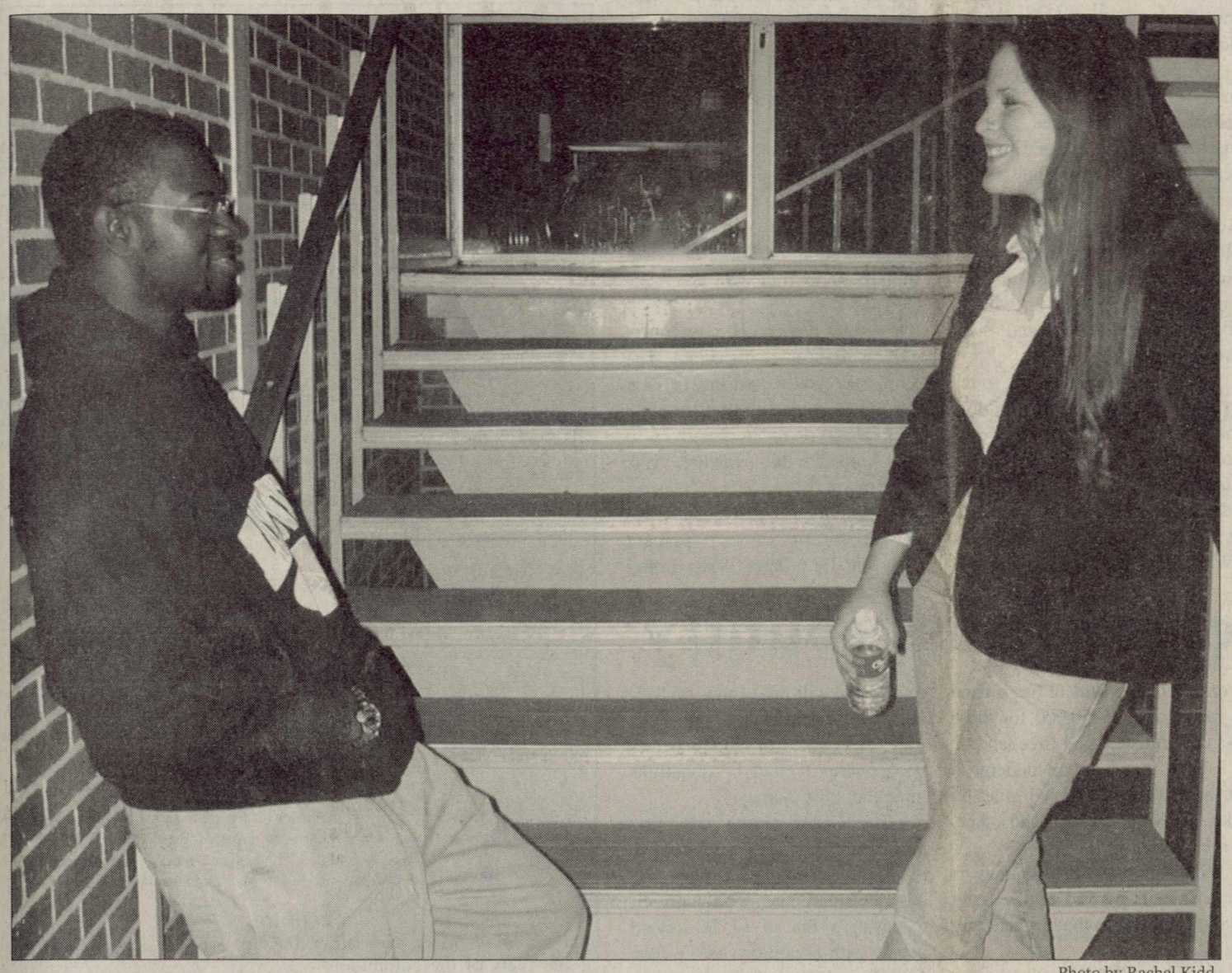


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John Birch (left), Assistant Area Coordinator at Boozman Hall goes over dorm regulations with University student Stacy Cosby (right). RA's have a wide range of responsibilities that include reporting maintenance problems a room may have, answering complaints of residents, issuing necessities and possibly writing residents up for unacceptable behavior.

RA's reaching out to students

By Bridget Watts
Sauce Reporter

The clock in the room of new RA Tiffinee Brown ticked towards 10:32 on Thursday night. While some students are preparing to go out to local bars and clubs, Tiffinee Brown, a sophomore, is busy assisting female residents in the Sabine dorm.

Thursday evening at 5:55, she went on duty for the first time for the 2001 Spring semester. She would spend the rest of the night walking through the halls of Sabine dorm making sure the residents were out of harm's way.

"My number one priority as an RA is making sure all of my residents, as well as myself, are safe." Brown said.

A typical day for an RA consists of reporting maintenance problems a room may have, answering complaints of residents, issuing necessities and possibly writing residents up for unacceptable behavior.

Area coordinator of Sabine, Shelia Gentry, has the same belief as Brown. She defines an RA as a residential assistant hired by the University to enforce the rules of a dorm. Gentry, a senior and full-time student, also stated RA's have other responsibilities such as helping students find tutors, add and drop classes and maintain their GPA's.

Although the duties of being an RA can interfere with her responsibilities as a student, Tiffinee enjoys her job.

"The thing I like the best is getting to meet and know new people," Brown said. "That's why I wanted to become an RA."

In order to become an RA, interested students must possess a 2.0 overall GPA and follow the same steps as Brown.

Attending an informational meeting, filling out an application and going through an interview conducted by the University's housing department are all things interested students are required to complete before being considered for an RA position. Those interviewed are scored, and the applicants with the highest scores are considered first for the available positions.

Even though Brown wasn't accepted for the position toward the end of last semester, Gentry offered her the job at the beginning of this semester.

"I was disappointed I didn't get the job at first, but now I'm glad I was given this opportunity," Brown said. "I'm glad Miss Gentry considered me. There's nothing about being an RA I don't like, and I really enjoy what I do."

University to sponsor blood drive to help one of its own

Northwestern State University is working to help one of its own later this month. The Friedman Student Union at NSU will sponsor a blood drive to benefit Northwestern student Jennifer McCalister Thursday, Jan. 25 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The drive will be held in from of the Student Union.

The drive is open to NSU students, faculty, staff, alumni and members of the community. LifeShare Blood Center is handling the collection. A blood drive will also be held at NSU's College of Nursing located at 1800 Line Avenue in Shreveport. The drive will be Monday, Jan. 22 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. in the atrium of the Nursing Education Center.

McCalister, a freshman at Northwestern, was diagnosed with a rare blood disease during the holidays. As part of her treatment, she receives 17 units of plasma every other day. Each treatment takes approximately four hours. She will not be able to take classes this semester, but plans to return to Northwestern as soon as possible.

NSU Director of Student Activities and Organizations Carl P. Henry III taught McCalister in a student orientation class last fall and read about her condition in a story in the Shreveport Times.

"We work with students and interact with them each day, so it is natural for us to help them in any way we can," said Henry. "That's part of being at Northwestern."

Henry is working with Assistant Directors of Student Activities and Organizations Susanna Deshotel and David Deggs to make students aware of the blood drive.

"The students have been very enthusiastic about getting involved to help," said Deshotel. "We are asking them to spread the word and get as many people as possible to donate."

Northwestern alumni in Shreveport and Alexandria can help McCalister by making a donation at LifeShare Blood Center in McCalister's name.

"The students have been very enthusiastic about getting involved to help. We are asking them to spread the word and get as many people as possible to donate."

Susanna Deshotel,
Assistant Director of Student Activities and Organizations

Speaking about the blood drive

Damages to dorms bring unanswered questions

By Elona Boggs
Sauce Reporter

Doors that do not lock, alarms that do not sound and windows without screens. These are problems that plague the NSU dormitory resident, and consequently, put them at risk for their safety. Living in a comfortable, safe environment is as essential to the success of a student as studying for classes.

That is why Boozman resident Jennifer Watts has compiled a list of dormitory maintenance concerns, and she plans on giving the list to Housing Officials in hopes of capturing their attention.

On the list are common complaints such as leaky ceilings, chipped paint, faulty locks and water damage resulting in the growth of mold.

"We think there is something living in our vents. We all call it the 'Boozman Plague' that everyone catches because our vents are so dirty," said Watts.

Watts' complaints are not all that uncommon, however. Dormitory residents across campus have voiced similar concerns.

"My biggest complaint is not having hot water. You take a chance every time you jump in the shower," said Sabine resident Erica Johnson.

Shelia Gentry, Area Coordinator in Sabine Hall, has the responsibility of reporting maintenance problems within Sabine to maintenance personnel. Gentry reports on average 20 problems a day and said that in her experience, maintenance personnel report and repair problems promptly.

However, due to lack of maintenance staff and funding, some problems are never tended to.

"Showers, sinks and toilets are fixed promptly, but problems that require carpentry like broken closets and desks are usually not fixed," said Gentry.

Gentry said that very often students fail to report maintenance problems to residential staff, which results in neglect and further damages. Ultimately, Watts hopes to combat this by actively voicing her complaints. She and others feel that expensive dormitory fees constitute dormitory improvements.

"I've lived in Boozman for four years, and I have never seen any improvements," Watts said. "Dorm costs are going up, and if they are going up, we should have some improvements."

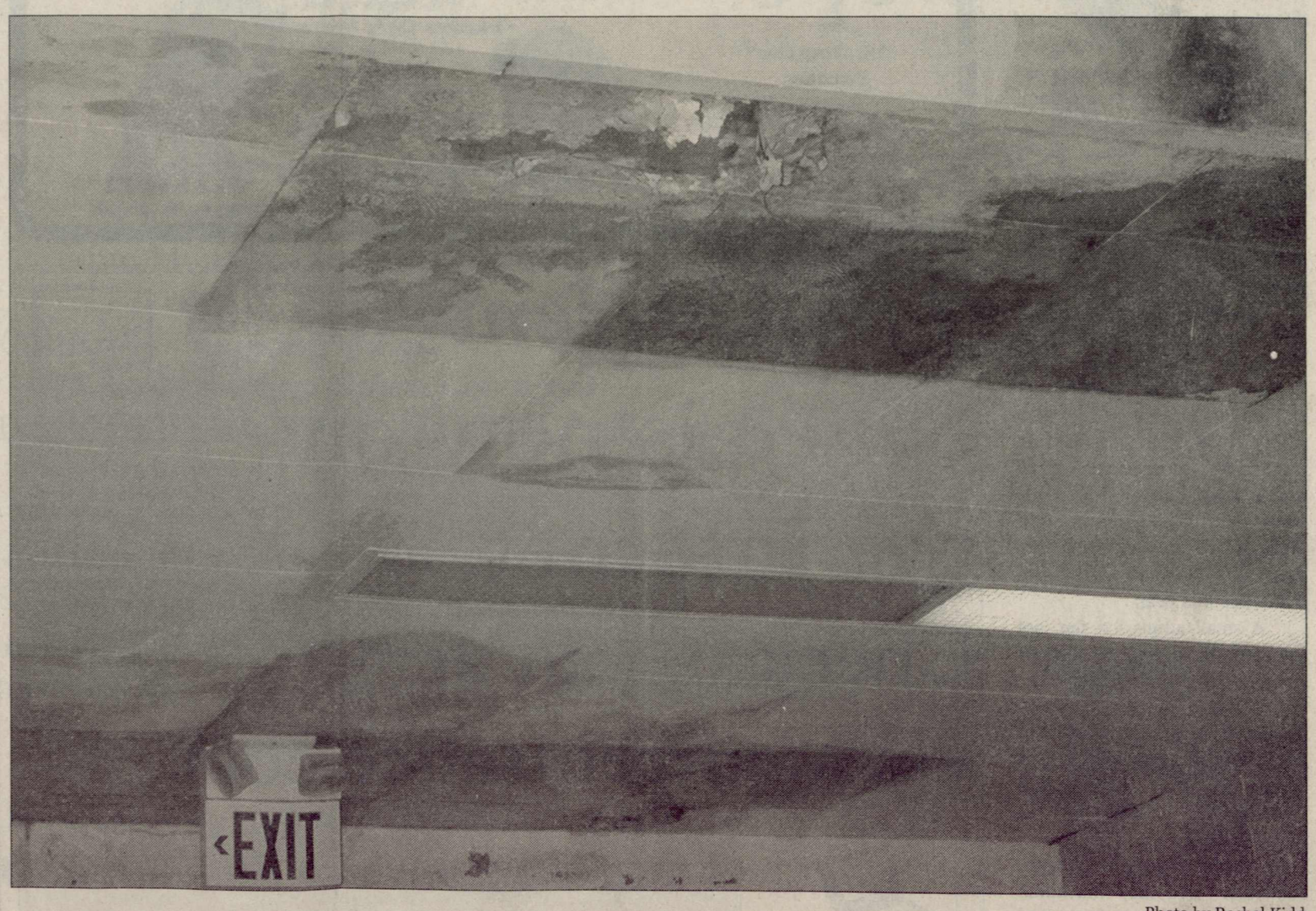


Photo by Rachel Kidd

Residence halls are not the only buildings on campus that have damages. The ceiling of the Student Union is also in need of repair. On the list are common complaints such as leaky ceilings, chipped paint, faulty locks and water damage resulting in the growth of mold.

Annual market returns let investors down

For those who thought the stock markets would provide huge annual returns forever, the past year has been a good reality check. It's been a tough year for investors especially those with portfolios loaded with technology stocks.

In 2000, The technology-heavy NASDAQ has seen its index cut in half while the Dow Jones Industrial Average has been down about 10 percent. But according to an expert at Northwestern State University, the rough times are no reason for investors to abandon the stock market.

"To deal with that uncertainty, there are things investors can do," said Dr. Robert Jones, an associate professor of economics at Northwestern, who also teaches classes in personal finance. "One is to invest long term. If you are investing so you can retire in 20 years you don't have to be too concerned that the value drops for a few months. When the market drops you should remember that your focus is on the long run, and in the long run your best investment is in the market."

"But just as important, when the market shoots up dramatically, you should also remember that there will be down periods, and keep focused on the long run."

Jones said those who expect annual returns of over 20 percent are "overly optimistic." But he says good days could be ahead for the market because of the benefits of technology and if inflation remains low. However, investors should expect annual returns more in line with historic trends, about 11 percent a year.

"I tell my students that you don't have to be a rocket scientist to do well in the stock market," said Jones. "You just have to know some basics about investing and avoid some stupid mistakes that investors commonly make. One of those mistakes is to get scared and sell everything just because the market is down temporarily, and a lot of investors may be tempted to do that soon."

Jones said the biggest mistake many investors make is that they invest when they see that the market has gone up, and they get scared and sell when they see the market has already gone down. According to Jones, this strategy almost guarantees a bad outcome. He recommends "dollar cost averaging," a strategy in which a fixed amount is invested every month.

"Investors should stick to this strategy no matter where you think the market is heading. This way you will tend to do as well as the market, and you avoid the possibility of investing primarily at the wrong times," said Jones. "When you think the market is about to drop, you hang in there because, if you sell and the market doesn't go down, you then have to decide when to get back in, and life gets really stressful."

Jones emphasized that diversification is also a key investment principle.

"You don't invest everything in just a few stocks, especially in the stock of the company you work for. Index mutual funds are great for this," he said.

According to Jones, investors should try to find their tolerance for risk.

``"Deciding how much risk you're willing to bear is important. The more risk you're willing to bear the higher your expected return," said Jones.

Among the lowest risk investments are U.S. Treasury Bills which provided an average annual return of 3.9 percent between 1926 and 1998. Long-term corporate bonds provided 5.7 percent on average and the S&P 500 returned 11.2 percent annually. Small cap stock provided an even higher return, but with higher risk.

Campus Connections

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

The SGA offers free scantrons to students every Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 222 of the Student Union. You will need a student I.D. to take advantage. Also, the students may stop by the Book Swap Board to look for books they may need for a cheaper rate. The SGA also has 11 senator at large positions open. Those interested can come by room 222 of the Student Union to pick up an application and they can return it to the same place. The first SGA meeting of the semester is going to be Jan. 17.

The SGA will be accepting applications in room 222 for the position of intern treasurer. Applications will be accepted from Jan. 18 until Feb. 1 at noon. The applicant must meet the following requirements: must be a member of the NSU Student Body for one year, have completed 45 course hours, and have completed two accounting courses with a grade of 'C' or better.

WESLEY WESTMINSTER FOUNDATION

Students can have lunch at the Wesley Westminister Foundation (between Magee's and The Ink Spot) on Tuesday from 11:30 until 1 p.m. The first visit is free and $1 each time thereafter. Worship services are held from 6:30-7:30 pm each Wednesday.

COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

College Democrats conduct informational meetings every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union.

STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE

Meetings are held every Wednesday at noon in room 224 of Russell Hall. All majors welcome.

CATHOLIC STUDENT ORGANIZATION

The CSO would like to invite all students to join the CSO for fun, fellowship, and a free meal every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church (located on Second Street). You do not have to be Catholic to join in on the fun; every student is welcome. There is also a student Mass held every Sunday at 9:30 p.m.

THE ARGUS

The Argus, the University's literary magazine, is accepting submissions for publication. Submissions may be fiction, non-fiction, poetry, art or screenwriting. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 1. First-, second-, and third-place winners will receive cash prizes for their efforts. Please send submissions to Argus@alpha.nsula.edu.

BLUE KEY

Blue Key will be having a meeting on Thursday, Jan. 25 at 8p.m. If there are any questions, members can call 352-3845.

GAVEL CLUB

There will be a Gavel Club meeting today at 6p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. Presidents of recognized University organizations are required to attend Gavel Club meetings. If the President is unable to attend due to class or work conflicts, contact the Office of Student Activities at 357-6511.

NSU CLUB SOCCER

The first informational meeting for the spring semester will take place Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union. For more information contact Cesar Isgitt at 354-6483 or Coach Jim at 352-5888.

University student to cycle across country

By Josh Green
Sauce Reporter

Strenuous workouts have always been a part of Wes Breeden's daily routine. A cyclist through high school, Wes has the experience of thousands of miles under his helmet. All of that preparation in high school will be overshadowed by what he will experience this summer.

Breeden was chosen among the 146 chapter of the national Pi Kappa Phi fraternity to take part in their largest philanthropy event, The Journey of Hope. The program will take 60 fraternity brothers on an across-country route from the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco to the U.S. Capital in Washington, D.C.

"The Journey of Hope is a 3,500-mile trek to raise funds and awareness on behalf of people with disabilities," said Breeden, a junior Business Administration major from Pride, La.

He said that he's looking forward to not only seeing the country from a bicycle, but is proud to have the opportunity to aid in such a large philanthropy.

"It's not everyday that the average college student has a hand in raising over $350,000 for those less unfortunate," said Breeden.

Each member will undergo a daily trek of more than 75 miles on bike, allowing Breeden and others to see 22 states.

The 75-mile-a-day journey is only a small portion of the daily activities in which the brothers will partake.

"At the conclusion of each ride, the team and I will have the chance to visit with special members in the community," said Breeden.

The team will raise awareness about what people with disabilities can do and will raise funds on their behalf.

The Journey of Hope receives sponsorship and donations throughout the journey.

Breeden will be the first participant of the program to represent the state of Louisiana. He has personally committed himself to raising a total of $4,000 toward people with disabilities before June 6, when he leaves for San Francisco.

Supporters of the cause are encouraged to send donations to the Office of Greek Life, care of Wes Breeden, Journey of Hope.

Mardi Gras moves to the Ark-La-Tex

Most folks think about New Orleans or the Gulf Coast when they think about Mardi Gras, but the pre-Lenten celebration has a history in Northwest Louisiana, too, and a museum is under development here to demonstrate that.

Development has been slow, however, for the ``Mardi Gras in the Ark-La-Tex Museum.'' Dependent on grants and donations, a team of volunteers has inched ahead on the project and added features or programs as money allowed.

So far, the venue taking shape at 2101 East Texas St. has added a balcony display, a 14-minute video with different krewe members and a history lesson for area students.

It soon will showcase a full-sized float, royalty costumes and activities for groups and children.

Organizers want to gain nonprofit status for the museum in hopes that more people will be able to make tax-deductible donations. The venue will represent all krewes in the area and is expected to open sometime this year.

A small admission fee, not yet determined, will be charged once the museum is open.

``Of course, I wish it would be able to move faster, but with volunteers you can only move at certain paces. If we can find more grants, I think we can move it along a lot faster,'' said Jim Waugh, chairman of the museums foundation. ``But we have met with all other krewes to tell them that we obviously want them to be a big part of this.''



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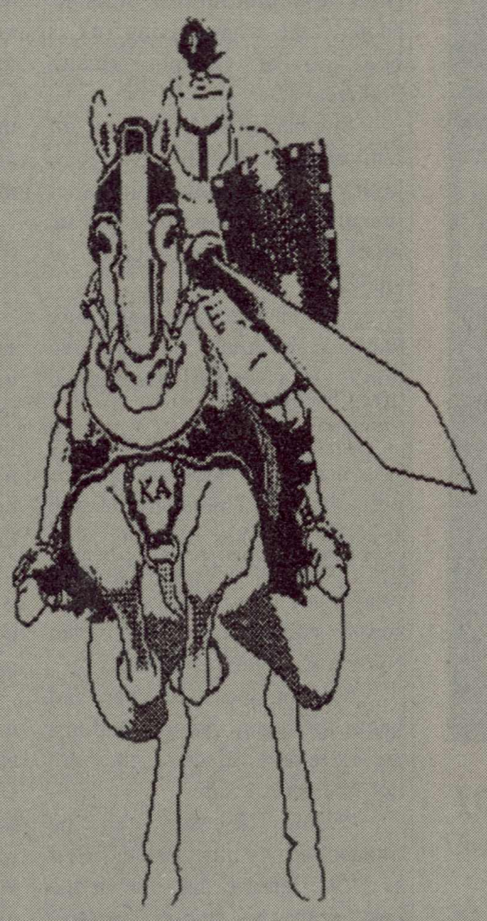
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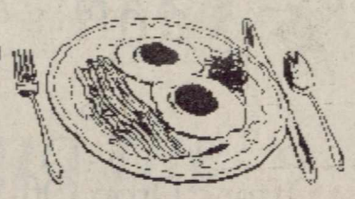


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LIFE: Entertainment

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By Tara L. Gallien
LIFE Wellness Columnist

Exercise: Getting Started

You know that you need to exercise, but knowing it and actually doing it are very different. Sometimes having a little guidance and encouragement is all that's really needed. Hopefully, I can provide you with some guidance by sharing tips on how to get started and what fitness resources are available in the community and on campus. I can also encourage you through this column, but actually getting started is going to be up to you. It will take effort and commitment on your part, especially if starting or maintaining an exercise program has been a problem in the past. So, if you put forth the effort and promise to stay committed, particularly in the beginning, exercise can become as much as a habit as brushing your teeth (that is, if you brush your teeth everyday).

Exercise should not be a form of punishment. Unfortunately though, it is often used in this way. For example, athletes are frequently punished using extra exercise (e.g., run 10 extra laps, do 25 extra pushups, and so forth). Even well-known weight loss programs use exercise as punishment, such as, if a client doesn't lose a certain amount of weight, then he/she is punished by having to do extra exercise. An exercise program should be consistent, but it doesn't have to be regimental.

Exercise should be enjoyable, natural and rewarding. If you approach it negatively, it could become a negative experience. Come to one of my aerobic classes, and I promise to show you fun.

Campus Resources

There are a variety of physical activities you can do on campus. Listed below are examples of NSU recreational sports and physical activities available through intramurals:

*Basketball
*Tennis
*Flag football
*Water polo
*Badminton
*Weight training
*Stationary bikes and stair climbers
*Racquetball
*Aerobic classes
*Rowing (this is a club sport)
*Swimming (there are a variety of swimming and water aerobic classes for students, faculty and staff at the Natatorium)

For additional information about any intramural activity, call 357-5461.

The Department of Health and Human Performance offers a variety of physical activity classes worth 2.0 credits each (e.g., swimming, tennis, aerobics, weight training, self-defense, and hopefully very soon, beginning karate).

Furthermore, the Office of Continuing Education offers karate and a variety of dance classes in the evening and/or the weekends.

In addition to the above recreational sports and physical activities, students can walk, jog or bicycle on campus and feel safe. Northwestern has it's own police force which patrols the campus regularly. However, it is still recommended that you do these activities in areas that are well lit and with a partner. Not only will having a partner be safer but it will also increase your chances of adhering to an exercise program.

Community Resources

If you're looking for a fitness club/facility in the community, there are several to choose from.

Listed below are a number of local businesses that provide a variety of physical activities and assistance in losing weight.

Curves for Women is a health club just for women. Students can join for a reduced rate. Curves offers assistance in weight loss and has cardiovascular equipment, circuit training, a variety of aerobic classes (e.g., step, kickboxing, and traditional floor aerobics), toning classes and yoga.

Cane River Fitness Center, formerly known as CHAMPS, is a health club that has free weights and weight machines, cardiovascular equipment and racquetball. (Rumor has it that Cane River will be closing soon, so make sure to ask before signing up.)

Natchitoches Health & Racquet Club is another health club that has free weights and weight machines, cardiovascular equipment, racquetball and a variety of aerobic classes. Students and teachers can join for a special semester rate.

Inches-A-Weigh is a weight loss center for women. They provide both nutritional counseling and have on-site exercise equipment.

Ichiban Karate School is a karate school that not only teaches karate but also offers kickboxing classes.

Just remember, you don't need to join a fitness club to start an exercise program. There are many types of physical activities that can be done at home. For example: brisk walking, bicycling, rollerblading or climbing a flight of stairs (e.g., the stairs down on front street or at the psychology building on campus).

You can also do toning exercises at home using hand weights, exercise tubing or your own body weight (e.g., sit-ups, push-ups, pull-ups, lunges, squats, wall squats). However, if you choose to exercise outside of a fitness club, try to find a partner who has similar goals and who is at a similar fitness level.

Finally, buy a notebook/journal to record the physical activities you do everyday. Write down how you felt before, during and after you exercised. You will be surprised at how keeping a log of your activities can help you stay motivated.

If you have any questions about this topic or any other health topic, please feel free to email me at tarag@nsula.edu. Good luck!

Tara Gallien currently works for the NSU Human and Health Performance department and is also an instructor for the college. She has a M.A in Health Promotion and was previously a personal trainer.

STD's and You



Photo by: Rachael Kidd
Located next to the Campus Police, Northwestern's Student Health Services offer free checkups to students

Josh Green
Life Reporter

An estimated 15 million Americans are infected with sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) each year. One of the most prone communities to STDs are college students, who are approaching their sexual peak.

Educating students about the risks and precautions students should take when having sex is one job of Campus Health Services.

Stephanie Self, director of University Health Services, believes that above all other precautions, avoiding sexual relations is the best solution for students.

"Abstinence is the only sure way to absolutely be sure you don't get a sexually transmitted disease," she said.

She said if students do have sex, using a condom is in their best interest. University Health Services supplies students with the opportunity to receive free protection. The offices are able to supply students with up to seven condoms a week per person.

Students should be aware and know that even though condoms are extremely effective, they are not 100 percent safe.

"Some diseases can be transmitted by just touch," Self said."We believe that one of the best ways to avoid sexually transmitted diseases is education," said Self.

"We also try to do outreach programs among the many organizations here on campus," she continued, "Any organization that wishes to have a seminar can just call our office."

University Health Services occasionally receive patients that are infected with STDs, but all cases are referred to the Natchitoches Parish Health Unit. There, Self said, the proper tests for STDs are conducted at a low price. A test for Sexually Transmitted Diseases at the health unit will cost approximately $5.00, with a free screenings for HIV.

HIV, the virus that eventually causes AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome), is still one of the greatest threats to college students. The greatest number of people affected by the virus are college-age students, usually from 20-29.

Self said that persons infected with the HIV virus may not experience symptoms for months or years after infection.

"The virus can lay dormant for a long time....sometimes from seven to ten years," she said.

Many people infected can experience persistent diarrhea, unexplained weight loss, flu-like feelings and white spots in the mouth. One common misconception is that only homosexuals are susceptible to the disease. Though they are more prone to infection, the community with most affected recently are heterosexual African American males.

Self explained that the disease that is most common among college age students is Chlamydia, to the point that some health officials are calling it "the sexually transmitted disease of the 90s." Chlamydia is curable if medical treatment is sought. If the infected is not treated, the disease, as other STDs such as Syphilis and Gonorrhea, can lead to more serious infection and infertility in both men and women.

Self said those infected with both curable and incurable STDs can get counseling by calling hotlines like the National AIDS hotline at 800-342-AIDS or the National STD hotline at 800-227-8922. The Natchitoches Parish Health Unit can be reached locally at 357-3132.

Top 10 Films for week of January 18, 2001

1) *Save the Last Dance*
2) *CastAway*
3) *Traffic*
4) *What Women Want*
5) *Thirteen Days*
6) *Finding Forrester*
7) *The Family Man*
8) *Antitrust*
9) *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*
10) *Vertical Limit*

Creole Heritage celebration this weekend

The annual Creole Heritage Day Celebration will be this weekend.

Admission to the Creole Heritage Day Celebration is $7 for adults, $1 for children 12 and under.

The event is sponsored by the St. Augustine Historical Society and coordinated by the Louisiana Creole Heritage Center at Northwestern State University. Main festivities will be held at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Cane River on La. Highway 484.

A zydeco concert on Friday will start the celebration. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. and last until midnight on the downtown riverbank stage in Natchitoches. Bands from throughout Louisiana will be featured. Admission for the concert is $5.

The Celebration will continue at St. Augustine Catholic Church Saturday at 10 a.m. and last until midnight. The event will feature Creole foods, daylong music, featuring Soul 2000 and Horace Trahan, Mass under the tent, the Country Store and bingo.

This year's Celebration will feature new activities and exhibits. There will be zydeco dance lessons, cultural and artistic exhibits, children's games, and the official Louisiana Creole Doll exhibit. Also on display will be entrants of the Badin-Roque picture project from the fourth grade class of the NSU Lab School.

For those with an interest in family history, there will be a genealogy workshop where people can view current information acquired by the Louisiana Creole Heritage Center and submit their own family information as well. There will also be a Quilt Registry sponsored by the Louisiana State Old Courthouse. Participants can have a picture taken of their family quilts and have them registered.

Other activities include a book signing by Sybil Kein and Philip Gould, as well as poster signings of the premiere Creole Heritage Day poster by the creators of the poster.

Other entertainment during the day consists of a live play presented by the Slidell group Creoles Sans Limites. The play will feature the demise and resurgence of the Creole language in Louisiana.

At 8 p.m., there will be a dance in the main tent featuring Geno Delafose.

With the purchase of admission, each person will receive five free Creole Taste tickets which can be redeemed at participating food booths throughout the day.

Among the variety of food items available are meat pies, swamp balls from the St. Augustine Settlement-Museum and Original Creole Shoppe, known as The Swamp and famous cracklins from Jeanminette's Creole Kitchen and Smokehouse.

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LIFE: Features

The Power of Love

Alan Smithee
Guest Opinion Columnist

Power can do everything except the most important thing; control love. For example, survivors of Nazi concentration camps have told horrendous stories of how they were treated. Many were subject to acts such as killing their friends, cursing their family and even renouncing God.

Although they were subject to mind-altering undeserved punishment, the one thing the guards could not do was make their slaves love them. No one, no matter how much power they have over you, can force you to love them.

This fact may help explain why God sometimes seems shy to use his power. He created us to love him, and although he is the supreme power, the decision to love him or hate him is our choice alone. Douglas John Hall once said, "God's problem is not that God is not able to do certain things. God's problem is that God loves. Love complicates the life of God as it complicates every life."

We must remember that God has already seen what can come of free choice. He gave freedom to angels to choose him or reject him before we were created, and yet he still chose to give us free choice. Because of his grand heart, he went ahead and took the risk yet again.

Through the use of a simple lie, planting the seed in the mind of man that love is not good, and following this lie, man decides through logic that God -Love himself- is not good. Ever since that day, man has been disconnected from perfect love and unable to experience life the way it was intended.

We war with ourselves internally sometimes over the debate of religion. One side of us says, "God is good. You can release the well-being of your heart to him." Another voice says, "Religion? Come on, get serious. Only *I* can control *my* life."

This is the story of all our lives, in one way or another. The two sides are so radically different that our heart and mind are divided in the body.

The lie has become so twisted that it soon convinces us that we are the point. We are our own bright, shining star. We get so caught up in ourselves and caught up in the daily events of our life that soon we only worry about *today*, how to get our reports done, who likes us, who doesn't like us, and why they don't like us. We become so self-involved and lost in ourselves that we lose sight of the True North, God.

The true north is a star that will always point us in the right direction. For thousands of years, sailors have used it to find their way home, and it still shines just as bright today as it ever has.

On the journey of life, we have the option to guide our lives by the True North or by our own sense of direction. At any time, you can look up and get the ship back on course.

But the choice is yours.

Editorial

by Randall S. Frederick

Who enjoyed the three-day weekend? Come on, don't be shy.. Go ahead and raise your hands if that third day was needed after last week. Okay, hands down. Last week left most of us feeling disheveled, at best. Not that things were hard. It was just busy, right folks?

I know I can speak for all of the other *Current Sauce* editors when I say last week left us all very tired. Josh, our head editor, is a perfect example. Not only did he have to take care of his classes, and personal life, but he also had to help teach me everything necessary to edit a paper. Oh, and did I mention his teaching had to be done is under forty eight hours, including lunch, sleeping, bathroom and class breaks?

I know that by Wednesday afternoon, things were taking a toll on him. But Josh proved to me why he is the head editor. He can put out fires until there's only one left, and then, he'll use that one fire to cook his meal. He's a true cowboy. Thursday morning, I walked into the office moaning about how tired I was. Then I saw Josh dozing off in his office. As it turns out, he had finished editing that morning at 3 a.m. and hadn't been to bed since. Now he had a whole day of classes to look forward to. Just an example of the toll that first week takes on even an experienced professional.

I was in my Fine Arts class on Friday, and when the instructor asked who felt so stressed that they were beginning to wonder if they belonged in college, a good many people raised their hands. Would you have raised your hand on Friday afternoon?

Why do I mention all this? To cite an example of how strained the first week is. For the freshman out there wondering if things will get better, I assure you, they will. You belong here. Once you start to flow with the pattern of waking up early after holidays and going to class, it will run like clockwork. I can say from personal experience that when this semester ends, you will wonder how you can ever return to the person you were twelve weeks prior.

Then, of course, you'll sleep for fourteen hours straight, wake up to a bowl of Frosted Flakes and go, "Oh yeah, now I remember!" and the process will repeat for the next four years. The key to surviving is knowing you can accomplish this.

Maybe you're here because your parents forced you to be here. To you, I say make the best of it; be at peace, and you will soon find your calling. To those of you frustrated with NSU and it's inner workings, I say that's life. You will always have people that frustrate you, so try your best to love them anyway. Anger and frustration will do nothing but tear you down, so just try to smile and love everybody. In turn, they'll love you back, so it's not like you're losing anything but frustration. Didn't you want to get rid of that in the first place?

Finally, to those of you happy with where you are and whose only complaint is being tired, all I know to say is you aren't alone. I feel your pain and deeply sympathize.

Everyone needs an outlet to charge down, somewhere to refresh their mind and spirit. Some people charge down with a book, some with popcorn and a movie and some with church. No matter what you did, or how you celebrated the holiday, enjoy this Saturday and Sunday as best you can. Try to charge down, and love your neighbor. It will make your life so much happier and prepare you on many levels for next week.

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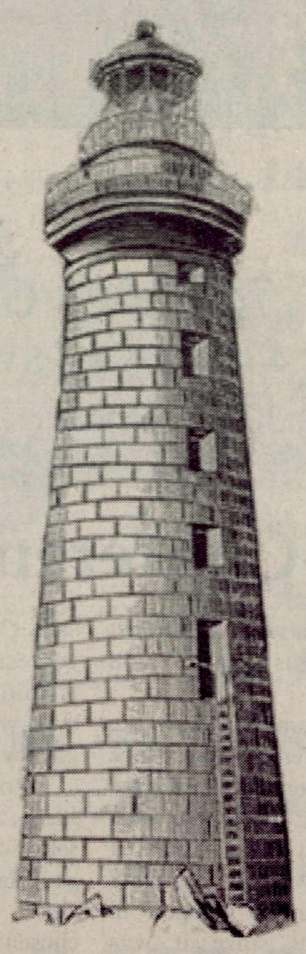
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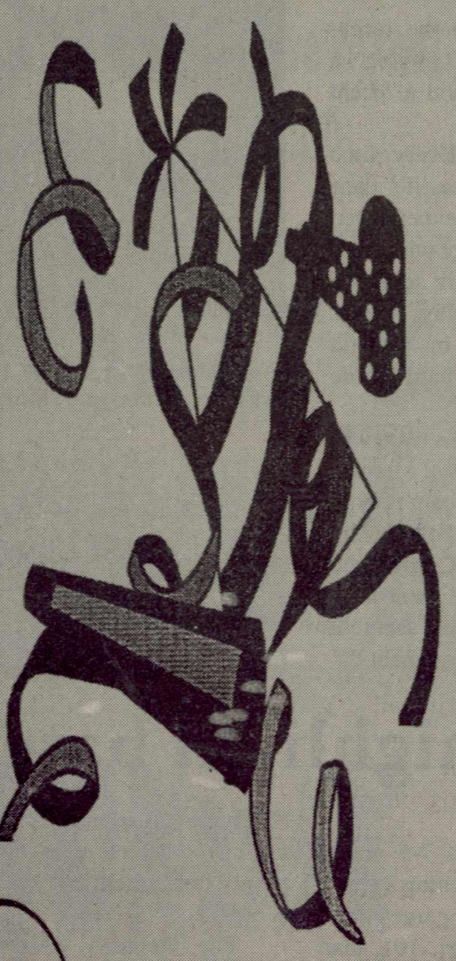


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Sports

Demon Softball ready for the world

Coach Singleton says his team has "confidence" for season

By Kris Collinsworth
Sauce Reporter

According to first-year head coach Ty Singleton, for the 2001 Northwestern State Demon softball team to be successful, individuals will have to dive in and perform.

"I am very excited about the season," Singleton said. "We have a confidence that is building and growing as the team gets more and more comfortable with me and with each other."

The Demons return for 2001 coming off their third straight Southland Conference Championship. Northwestern State lost to Louisiana State 7-1 and Oregon 4-1 at the NCAA Regionals.

One spot lacking depth for Northwestern State will be pitching with the Demons returning one pitcher, Amanda Ortego and introducing a freshman Christa Miller. Both were plagued with injuries during the fall.

Ortego ranked second on the team in innings pitched with 147.1 innings of work. She recorded 128 strikeouts and a 2.14 ERA while posting a 16-8 record. Ortego faced some top competition, including powerhouse Southern Mississippi, Louisiana State, and in state rival Louisiana Lafayette.

"One of the problems this fall was that our pitchers were hurt, limiting them to how much work could be done," Singleton continued. "We will only have two pitcher this year so it will be vital that their health is good."

Both the outfield and the infield have great depth. Senior Jada Garcia, could start at the centerfield position, Garcia posted a .222 batting average with 33 total bases while stealing 11 of 12 bases.

"We will have opportunities over the next month to see who will earn those staring nine spots," Singleton told. "Garcia is looking very strong, doing a great job of taking the lead in the outfield. Annie Johnson is challenging Jada for the centerfield spot. We have several athlete capable of playing left or right field."

NSU has three catcher working for the starting position each capable of earning the position: returning junior Jaime Fraser, Krystle Nichols and Lindsay Leftwich.

"Each of our catcher have different strengths," Singleton commented. "Lindsay has a really good arm, Nichols is very quick and a good hustler, and Fraser does a fantastic job as a leader on the field."

Offensively for the Demons, many players could make an impact Erin Mancuso lead the team in batting average (.348), home runs (18), total bases (132) and slugging percentage (.742).

"Things have been looking good from behind the plate," Singleton noted. "I want to see them do a better job driving the ball gap to gap, and they definitely have been making an improvement there. Offensively we have many people that can make an impact.

The Demons start the season off with an intersquad scrimmage and Demon Field Feb. 3 at 1 p.m.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Press

The Demon Softball team will kick off the 2001 season in less than a month with a brand new head coach.

2001 Demon Softball Schedule

Feb. 9-11 Texas-Arlington Tournament	@ UTA
Feb. 16-18 University of Houston Tourn.	@ UH
Feb. 22 Centenary	**@ NSU 6:00**
Feb. 24 Southwest Texas (DH)	**@ NSU 1:00**
Feb. 25 Southwest Texas	**@ NSU 1:00**
Feb. 28 Louisiana-Lafayette(DH)	**@ NSU 5:30**
Mar. 2-3 Mississippi State	@ MSU TBA
Mar. 7 LSU	@ LSU 6:30
Mar. 10 Baylor (DH)	@ Baylor 11:00
Mar. 11 Baylor	@ Baylor 1:00
Mar. 13 Louisiana Tech (DH)	**@ NSU 1:00**
Mar. 14 Centenary	@ Cent. 6:00
Mar. 17 Louisiana-Monroe (DH)	**@ NSU 1:00**
Mar. 18 Louisiana-Monroe	**@ NSU 1:00**
Mar. 24 Texas-Arlington (DH)	**@ NSU 1:00**
Mar. 25 Texas-Arlington	**@ NSU 1:00**
Mar. 30 SLU	@ SLU 6:30
Mar. 31 SLU (DH)	@ SLU 3:00
Apr. 4 Louisiana-Lafayette(DH)	@ ULL 5:30
Apr. 7 Nicholls State (DH)	**@ NSU 1:00**
Apr. 8 Nicholls State	**@ NSU 1:00**
Apr. 13 Sam Houston	@ SHU 4:00
Apr. 14 Sam Houston (DH)	@ SHU 1:00
Apr. 17 McNeese(DH)	@ MSU 1:00
Apr 18 McNeese	@ MSU 12:00
Apr. 21 SFA (DH)	**@ NSU 2:00**
Apr. 22 SFA	**@ NSU 1:00**
Apr. 24 Louisiana Tech	@ LTU 6:00
Apr. 28 UTSA (DH)	@ UTSA 1:00
Apr. 29 UTSA	@ UTSA 1:00
May 4-6 Southland Conference Tournament	*@ SWT*

Lady Demons look to rebound at home versus Southwest Texas

By Mindy Mixon
Sauce Reporter

The Lady Demons have a chance to rebound from their three-game losing streak tonight when they play against the Southwest Texas Bobcats.

The match-up is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. in Prather Coliseum.

Two of the Lady Demons' last three losses have been against some of the best in the league, like hated rival Stephen F. Austin and University of Louisiana at Monroe, who currently have a record of 7-1 SLC and a firm grasp on the second place position.

The last time the Lady Demons lost three conference games in a row was back in 1996, and it appeared to plummet downhill from there. They ended that fateful season with a 5-11 conference record.

Despite the losses, Head Coach James Smith continues to think positively

"We'll get better. It's hard to play on the road against two tough teams."

However after this past loss against the Indians, Smith vented, saying, "It's frustrating to have good talent and not be able to put a good game together. We are almost half way through the conference schedule, and we can't afford any more league losses to get where we want to be. We need to come back and just whip somebody and work our way back up the conference standings."

This is a very realistic goal for the Demons considering the Bobcats just lost another game to Lamar and now stand with a record of 2-5 SLC.

Last year the Lady Demons lost their first game against Southwest by a margin of 21 points, but rebounded quickly to come out victorious in the second Conference game.

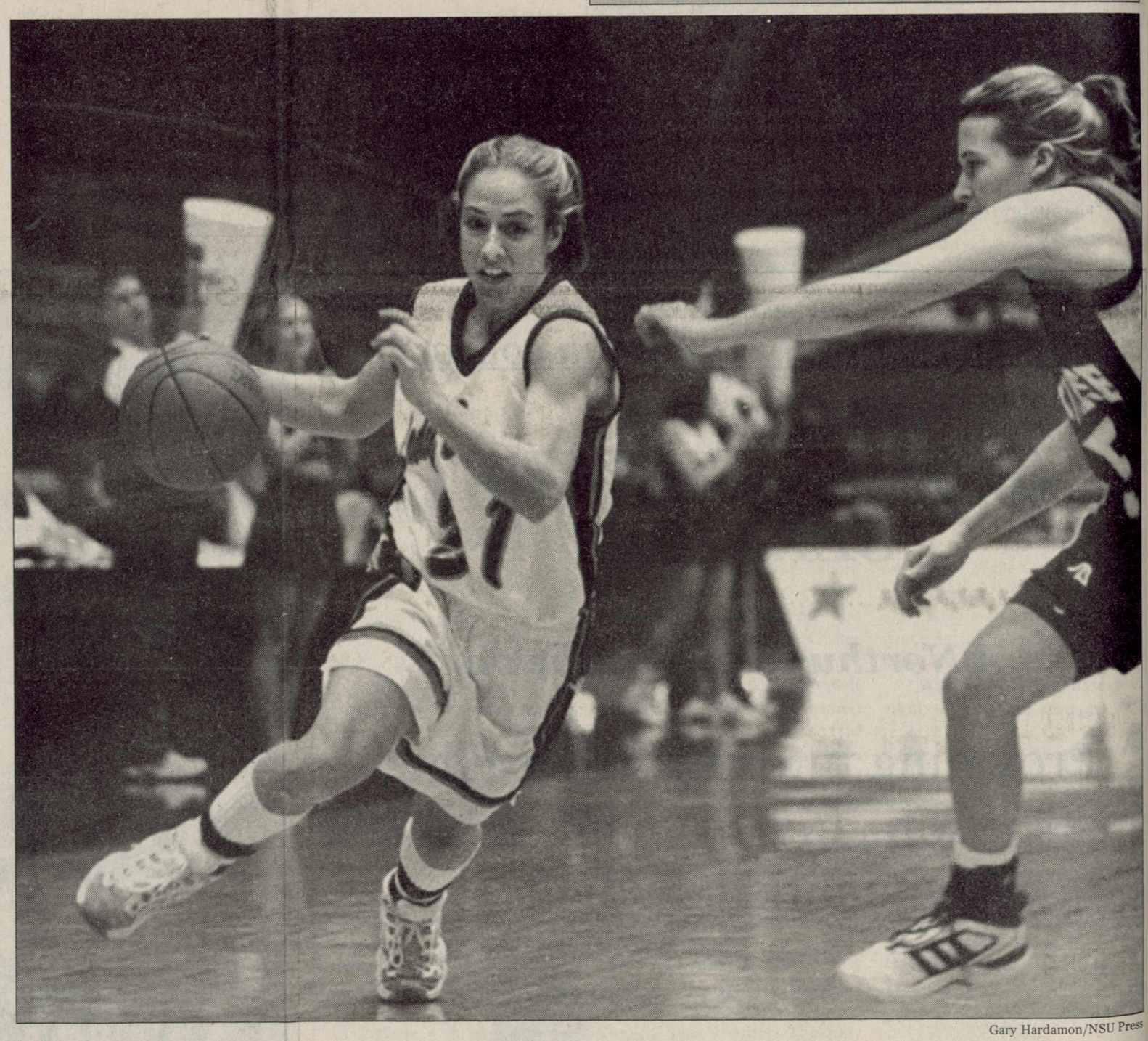
Smith chalks up the recent disappointments to having a mostly young team and a recent lack of practice.

"We're young. Every time we go to a new place, it's their first time. The more experienced they get the better they will get."

Smith promises in tonight's game they will play "great defense. We'll get in a good practice and practice hard before the game."

Smith also feels this team will be on to watch out for in March.

"Last season the team peaked about two weeks before the Southland Conference Tournament. We need to at least finish in the top four to secure a home game in the tournament."



Gary Hardamon/NSU Press

Anna Means and the Lady Demon basketball team return to action tonight in Prather Coliseum against Southwestern Texas. The Lady Demons will try to wipe out a three-game losing skid in the conference play.

Tonight's Game

NSU Lady Demons (8-6, 4-4 SLC) vs. SWT Lady Bobcats (5-9, 2-5 SLC)
6:30 p.m Prather Coliseum

Slanina, Robison highlight baseball All-Conference picks

Senior outfielder Jordan Robison and junior right-handed pitcher Jason Slanina represent Northwestern State on the Preseason All-Southland Conference Baseball Team announced Wednesday.

Robison batted .342 with 8 home runs, 45 RBI and stole 12 bases while starting all 56 games last year for the Demons, 30-26. He earned All-SLC, All-Louisiana and All-South Central Region honors in his first season at Northwestern.

Slanina posted a 7-5 record with a 4.44 ERA, pitching a team-high 7 complete games and working more innings, 101, than any other Demon. Opposing hitters managed only a .256 batting average against him.

"Both Jordan and Jason deserve to be ranked among the very best players in an outstanding baseball conference," said fourth-year Demon coach John Cohen.

"They are extremely productive college players who will get plenty of attention from pro scouts."

The Demons were picked fifth in the 10-team league in preseason polls of the coaches and sports information directors. The Southland placed three teams — Southwest Texas, McNeese State and Louisiana-Monroe — in last year's NCAA Tournament.

Both preseason polls agreed on the top five teams for 2001: ULM, McNeese, Southwest Texas, Nicholls State and Northwestern.

Northwestern has won six Southland Conference titles since 1991. The Demons have made the post-season SLC tournament each of the last eight seasons, making them the only Southland Conference team to compete in the tournament since it was reinstated in 1993.

"We are tremendously excited about our 2001 ballclub," said Cohen. "We were able to address our needs with our recruiting class and the young men who are back with us are guys we really believe in."

Robison, a native of Iona, Idaho, was a preseason first-team selection.

Slanina, from Missouri City, Texas, made the second team as chosen by SLC coaches.

The Demons open their season at home Feb. 6 against Henderson State.

Preseason SLC Baseball coaches poll

1) Louisiana-Monroe
2) McNeese State
3) Southwest Texas
4) Nicholls State
5) Northwestern State
6) Texas- Arlington
7) Lamar
8) Sam Houston
9) Southeastern Louisiana
10) Texas- San Antonio

From the Sports Editor



Rondray HIll
Sports Editor

Ms. Rhenda Cedars, a long-time member of the NSU staff and one of the nicest people I've ever met on this campus, died last week.

I've never really had a problem writing about anything until this moment. The reason is because words really can't describe what kind of person "Ms. Rhenda" was to the people around her. Ms. Rhenda was a person who not only made my job as a sports reporter and editor easier, but she was also a person who you always wanted to talk to. Whenever I found myself in Prather Coliseum, I always wanted to drop by the SID office to chat with Ms. Rhenda, even if it was for a quick second.

Which is why, as soon as I can, I plan to make a contribution to the Rhenda Cedars scholarship fund. I urge anyone who's ever bumped in to this great woman just once to do the same. You can do so by calling the NSU Sports Information office at 357-6467 or go to the Calvary Baptist Church.

I can't image a better way to honor a genuine person who left us way too soon.

Quick Talking Points

- Will someone, ANYONE, please do something about that skunk between Caddo Hall and the Columns? I'm tired of having to walk way around the way because Mr. Skunk wants to frolic, or do whatever it is that skunks do.

- I can't tell you how proud I am of Lady Demon forward Nikki Vernon. Last week, Nikki, an under appreciated member of the Lady Demon team, went out and scored 16 points and 12 rebounds, both career highs, against the best team in the conference, SFA. Lets put this feat into perspective; that's like Dennis Rodman scoring 27 points against the Lakers. That's like the Giants scoring 41 points on the Minnesota Vikings...oh yeah, that actually happened. Still, Nikki, you go girl!

The Main Course

This Saturday the Demons and Lady Demons take on Texas-San Antonio in the first conference doubleheader of the season.

Oh by the way, George W. Bush takes office Saturday, too.

You wont have to make a choice as to what to watch this Saturday. The actual swearing in of "Dubya" is at noon while the first game is a 2:00. And even though I didn't vote for the President "select" Bush, I'll probably tune in to watch for a little while.

And maybe say a prayer or two.

This got me thinking about the Clinton administration that wasn't too kind to the Demons. While I won't stop thinking about tomorrow, the Demons might. Here are the totals:

Demons 103W -125L (.451%) during Clinton administration

Apparently a good economy doesn't guarantee good basketball**.** So you're thinking things may look brighter for the Demons under Dubya's rule, right? Not necessarily. Turns out the Demons are a better Democratic team than a Republican team. Check out these numbers:

Since 1948
NSU 491W- 405L under Democrats
400W- 379L under GOP

As for actual inauguration day games, the Demons have only played once on the day we've sworn in a new president. January 20, 1977, the Demons took the floor against the Arkansas State Trojans and lost 65-84. Of course, that was the day Carter took office.

One more stat for you before I go. The Lady Demons' record during the Clinton years...

Lady Demons: 162W- 72L (.692%)

Slick Willie always was a ladies man, wasn't he?

Ravens' McAlister: "We're destined to win this thing"

The Baltimore Ravens figure there's only one logical conclusion to a season in which adversity and long odds were constant companions during an improbable march to the Super Bowl.

``We're destined to win this thing," cornerback Chris McAlister said. ``After what we've gone through, I believe it's our destiny to win the Super Bowl."

Before this season, the Ravens were 24-39-1 since owner Art Modell moved the franchise from Cleveland in 1996. They never had a winning record, never won more than four games in a row and never came close to getting a whiff of the postseason.

Their objective in 2000 was just to make the playoffs, but after nine games it appeared even that modest goal was in serious jeopardy.

After failing to score a touchdown during the month of October, the Ravens had a three-game losing streak and a 5-4 record. During that swoon, coach Brian Billick reluctantly switched quarterbacks in a desperate attempt to pull the team out of a five-game TD drought Modell called ``The Dust Bowl."

Now, because they persevered, the Ravens are heading to the Super Bowl.

``For 21 quarters we didn't score a touchdown, and everyone wrote us off. To come where we came from, it's amazing," said tight end Shannon Sharpe.

"It's gratifying," said defensive tackle Tony Siragusa.

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Dart Tournament ..... Tue., Jan. 30, 6pm
Dominoes ..... Wed., Feb. 7, 5pm
Softball Officials' Clinic ..... Mon. - Tue., Feb. 19 - 20, 3pm
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Opinions

Instant Wisdom

by Tony Blanco

Reader Discretion advised

Fifty-thousand women alive today will be dead soon because they don't look good enough to live. I tend to think people have accepted that being thin is more important that being healthy as a fact of life. But eating disorders can be so unattractive. There is nothing less cool than when a girl has to leave the dinner table three and four times during a date to go vomit. But who can blame anybody? Our culture thinks itself smarter every moment and getting what we want supercedes just about everything.

As it becomes easier and easier to define and shape a face, more and more women just want to look like a classic role model of beauty in the mid-to-late twentieth century. The world is still "owned" by men, and this century men have decided an attractive woman must be irrationally proportioned and emaciated, much to the dismay of a lot of people in this world.

Is it any wonder then that 81% of ten year olds are afraid of being fat? It is only fitting that in this era of supreme convenience our standard of feminine beauty is one that is most inconvenient and capable of causing extreme physical and psychological harm. Shouldn't we know better?

With our vast wealth of medical and scientific knowledge concerning the importance of proper diet on mood and general happy chemical productivity in the brain, why do we choose to accept the Barbie doll as our basic standard of beauty? Am I wrong to think personal happiness and self satisfaction are more attractive than all the countable ribs in the world?

Apparently so. To be a successful woman in the modern world (at least in the eyes of men), she must conform in some way to the dominant standard of beauty. So much of her time must be devoted to her appearance just to be taken seriously.

Why are one percent of women in America suffering from eating disorders right now?

Because Cosmo told them it was time for the summer diet.

Because heroin chic will never die.

Because diet foods and diet fads will make money as long as skinny is cool.

Because women know that the men don't really care if the tits are real.

Because it has been decided from on high that cellulite is ugly and only found on inferior women.

Because the tv and the radio and the newspaper are all telling you what is wrong with your life and how a slim fast can make everything all better again. And so on, and so on, and so on. I feel so lucky that I was not born a woman. I don't think I'd have the emotional maturity to live happily in such a hostile environment.

But, that's the way the ball bounces. If you want to get ahead, and that means being skinny, then all bets are off; you'd better get crackin'. Chances are if you are reading this and you are female, you are blessed with the virtue of youth. All you need to worry about now is being thin. You can't stick to diets, and pills just make you crazy. You eat right and exercise, and you can't get the thought out of your head, "Still not good enough." And it never will be good enough. Cause from this point on, you get older and eventually die.

> Fifty-thousand women alive today will be dead soon because they don't look good enough to live.

This is your peak of natural physical condition. Accepting the masculine standard of feminine beauty as it exists today is accepting an uphill battle that you will lose and will not matter when you die. This is not the woman I find attractive, but who am I to say anything? It is a cold sad fact that women are judged by appearance in matters where appearance should have no weight at all. That was a pun.

I don't like this fact, but I feel that I have no power at all to make it go away. All I can offer is a little comfort and my own brand of secret weight loss trick. I have noticed that if you stir one teaspoon of liquid soap (Dawn works best) into eight ounces of water, weight loss is almost guaranteed.

You will find that appetite is more than suppressed and that soon your body will want to reject those unwanted pounds and inches just as much as you do.

It's cheap and easy and a whole lot healthier than drugs or binging. You will look thinner and sicklier than ever before and love every minute of it.

Watch as your body fades away in a matter of weeks to a form barely recognizable as female, and watch how the new you is greeted with a new level of interest and respect from the opposite sex, enabling you to have opportunities other women only dream of.

Soapy water! Who would have guessed that such a simple solution would be so sweet?

One last thought. ***Don't be the idiot who wants to drink dirty dishwater because I told you it would make you skinny. It is really unhealthy, and you could die in a very unappealing way.*** I don't want to have to be the person who laughs at you, but I will be if necessary.

Readers,
Please do not drink dish soap. Seriously, don't do it.
Mary Freeman--opinions ed.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to Tony Blanco's recent article in the paper entitled "Instant Wisdom." I am sick and tired of reading articles in the newspaper bashing the Greek system. I can safely say that Greeks everywhere agree with me. Then, I sit and think about whom is writing the article. It is usually the same, someone who is not a Greek. I always ask myself, what do they know? Well, Tony decided it was his turn to make a feeble attempt to persuade all that are not Greek to stay that way. Since everyone is entitled to their own opinion, sadly, Tony's little article made the paper.

I have been Greek now for two years. I have yet to regret choosing the fraternity I chose or feeling that my choice, "weighs a heavy burden" on me. What people see is that joining a fraternity/sorority is just "parties, girls, friends,good times and those letters...." Being Greek, we know that those may be perks, but that is not the main reason for joining. One joins a fraternity or sorority for more than that. In joining a Greek system, you become bound together by more than just a friendship; you are bound by a sacred ritual that only the chosen few have seen. Wearing the letters on our shirts is a symbol of that bond and that ritual. Moreover, we know that this bond lasts beyond your college career. That bond never dissolves,never deteriorates and will never just disappear. I will tell you, Tony, that I will wear my letters proudly, whether you fully understand what they stand for or not.

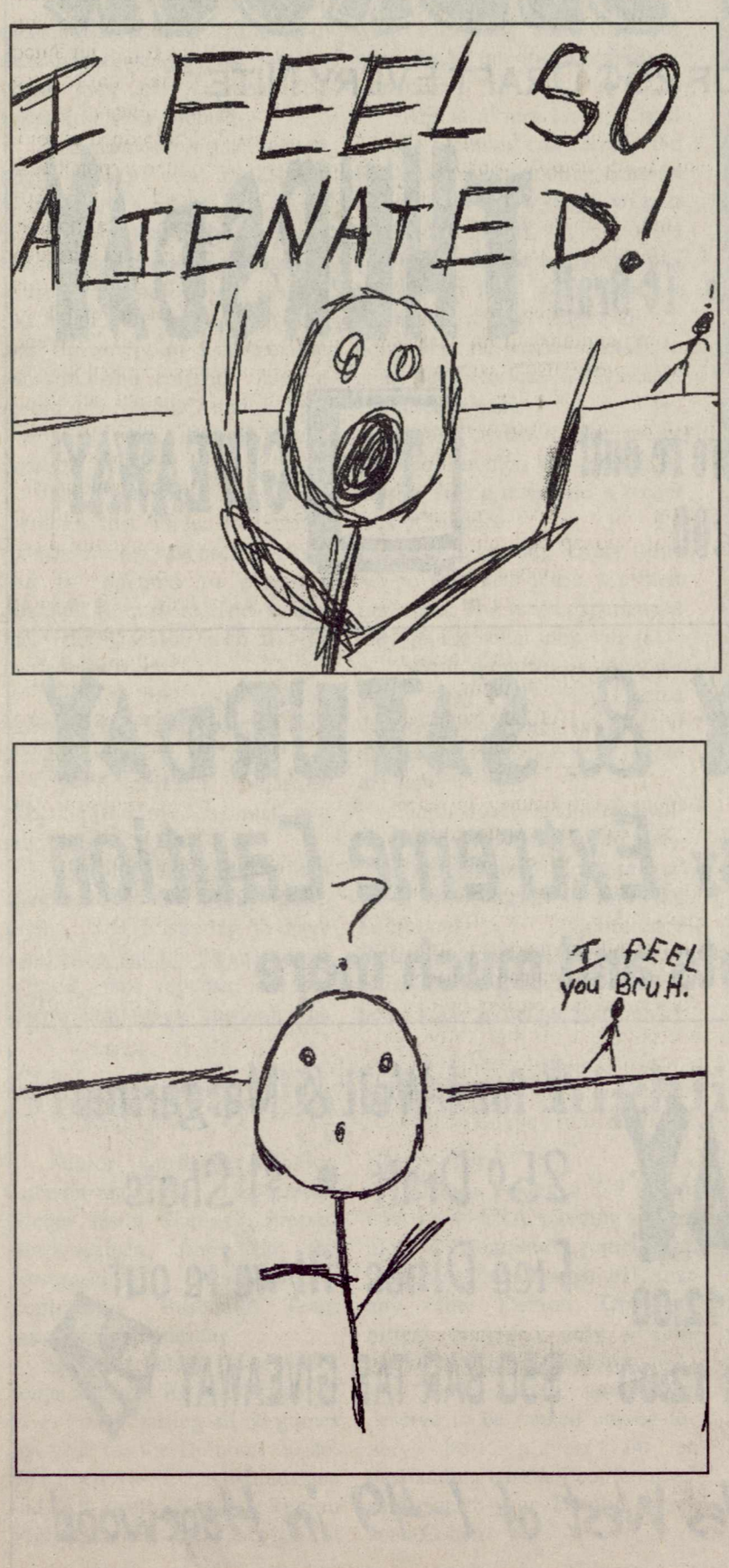
Furthermore, I do understand that those who are not Greek usually do not like us or are not quick to trust us. I am sorry for this. People usually see the bad things that the Greek system is blamed for. But, what is not seen is all we do for the university and the city. Whether it is some sort of community service or just showing spirit on campus at sport or other university functions. We do all sorts of volunteer work also. I will not deny, though, that when the work is done, playtime is in full effect. What is the fault in partying and having a good time? We are still in college. I know that we may not all get along all of the time, but competition about who is better among the Greeks is healthy for the system as a whole.

That is about all I have to say. Maybe next time you are just sitting around writing your next article to bash the Greek system, you should take some of this into consideration. Thanks to the editor for giving me the opportunity to defend the Greek system.

Donald Thornton, Jr.

Loving Harmony

By Tony Blanco



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I would like to thank those who have written in. Your support is appreciated. Furthermore, any work that may be of interest to the student body should by submitted.

Mary Freeman,
The mad one in charge of this page

The Box: Part II

by Darcy Rain

The following is the second part of an ongoing series by a student at NSU.

A box of matches. That's all I have. I'm alone, trapped in this box with only a box of matches. I pick them up and move back to the lit corner. Just a plain box of matches. The same kind you would find at the gas station a block from my house. I sigh in remembrance of my house.

I don't know where I am now, other than inside the box. I don't know what's outside. I don't know where I am, but I feel that I must escape. This isn't right. This isn't supposed to be happening. Why am I in here?

I look down at the matches sitting in the palm of my hand. I must see. I must see what's in the blackness of the box. I've scanned the walls with my fingertips, but I have not seen what's beyond the light in that one corner. I must see.

I slowly begin to creep into the darkness, the unknown. I'm always afraid of the unknown. What's over there? What am I going to see? Am I supposed to see? If I'm not supposed to see, why would I have been given these matches? What if this is a trick? The minute I strike a match the whole place could burst into flames, or an alien could jump out from a corner and eat me! I feel rather silly for thinking such absurd thoughts, but isn't waking up to find yourself trapped inside a box equally absurd?

All in all, I have nothing to lose. I must see what is hidden within the darkness of the box. The matches fell from somewhere. Could there be a way out?

I turn around to look at the light in the corner again. My safe haven. My corner of warmth and security. I look at it with an almost pleading heart, full of fear and confusion. I need to know that the light is going to be right behind me as I proceed into the terrifying unknown. I explore what could be the determining factor of my existence. Just as the light has given me warmth and a sense of security, I have given my trust and hope to the light. It will be behind me.

I take one more step into the dark and take out a match. Slowly, nervously, I place the head against the side of the matchbox as steadily as my trembling hand allows. Every muscle in my body tenses as I begin to apply pressure to the match. I've got to do it. I have to put all this worrying aside. I have to know. With one swift scrape the match ignites.

I stand cold but let my eyes wander frantically from wall to wall. I have to look quickly before the match burns away. The box appears to be the same all the way around, firm walls of wood covered in tarnished paint and no openings. I hold the match above my head to check the ceiling. Same as the walls...no openings. The match dies.

The plunge back into darkness accompanying the smell of the burnt matchstick sent me into a frenzied analysis of my situation. This can't be right. There has to be some sort of opening. How did the box of matches get in here? I pause for a moment in disbelief and fear. I have to check again. I strike another match, and move closer to the wall to my left. Carrying the match in my right hand and running my left hand along the walls, I more carefully observe my surroundings. Nothing. And the match dies.

Just the walls. No way out! How can there be no way out? How did these damned matches get in here? In an overwhelming outburst of pure helplessness and rage, I throw myself against the wall again. I hurl my fist at the wall again and again screaming in desperation. "Help me! Get me out of here! Somebody!"

Somebody must hear me. They just must. Despite my panic-stricken screams and convulsions, no one answers.

I take comfort in the light.

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University President Randall J. Webb and Shelly Colvin, Miss LOB 1999, crown the apparent winner of the 2000 pageant, Amber Rhyne. It would later be discovered that a mathematical error occurred during the judging. Those involved in this year's pageant hope to avoid similar mistakes.

LOB/SAB look to avoid previous mistakes in 2001

By Bridget Woods
Sauce Reporter

LOB organizers have taken extra precautions to make sure that this year's Lady of the Bracelet pageant does not end with the crowning of the wrong lady.

Last year's Lady of the Bracelet pageant was not free from controversy. One week after Amber Rhyne was chosen as Northwestern State University's 42nd LOB, auditors realized their miscalculation of the scores. Therefore, two weeks later, the title of LOB was transferred from Rhyne to Sabrina Plaissance along with the full scholarship for tuition.

Rhyne only received the runner-up prize of a half scholarship for tuition awarded by Northwestern State University. In order to make amends for the mistake, the accounting firm offered the other half of the scholarship to Rhyne.

Although Rhyne entered to compete in this year's Lady of the Bracelet pageant, she has withdrawn from the pageant after winning the Miss Creole Heritage Pageant. The Miss Creole Heritage Pageant is also a preliminary event to the Miss Louisiana Pageant.

The SAB will use the same accounting firm, Hynes Jackson and Hynes, this year even though it hasn't reformed its calculation process to reduce errors in this year's LOB pageant.

Susanna Deshotel, assistant director of student affairs and activities stated Hynes Jackson and Hynes have volunteered their services to the Lady of the Bracelet Pageant for over 20 years.

"It was a simple human error. Everyone makes mistakes," Deshotel said.

However, the SAB has taken some steps to prevent further mistakes from occurring this year.

"NSU has added lights where the auditors sit, so they can see better and there is also more room," Deshotel said. "Hopefully this will alleviate any problems the auditors may have."

The contestants and the SAB are looking forward to the LOB pageant this year . They feel the pageant will be free from any problems and confusion.

This year's pageant is set for 7 p.m. Feb. 2 in A. A. Fredericks Fine Arts Auditorium. General admission tickets are $5, and students are admitted free with their current student I.D.

University "regulates" on residence halls

By Raymond Williams
Sauce Reporter

The University holds all dorm residents responsible for knowing and following housing regulations.

Some students have complained they are not aware of their rights as residents on campus. However, these can be found with dormitory rules on pages 39-42 in the 2000-01 Student Handbook.

Freshman Nettie Krepper said the University does a good job in making sure students know the rules of their residence halls, but she does not feel it is entirely up to them to distribute the information.

"It's the student's responsibility," Krepper said.. "Don't wait until something happens to try and find out your rights."

The handbook states that housing regulations are necessary "in order to insure the protection of each student's rights as an individual, while at the same time insuring the rights of others living in the hall."

The handbook also states that dormitory residents are expected to know all rules and regulations contained in the handbook.

Residents are required to maintain a "neat, orderly and safe" room. The cost of repairing any damage is charged to occupants of the room. In addition, damages caused to all communal areas, such as rest rooms and lounges are charged to residents residing on that floor.

Unauthorized possession of any controlled substance is prohibited as with alcohol. Gambling is not permitted on campus either.

Students should also know the University is not responsible for the loss of "personal property in the residential facilities due to fire, theft, interruption of water, heat utilities or other causes."

In the case of theft, students should immediately report the incident to the resident assistant, residence director and the University police. The handbook encourages residents to acquire their own personal insurance to protect them in the event of any unplanned loss.

Most personal items students are accustomed to using every day while living with their parents are allowed in the dorms; however, there are some exceptions. Some of these are weight lifting equipment, bicycles, candles, musical

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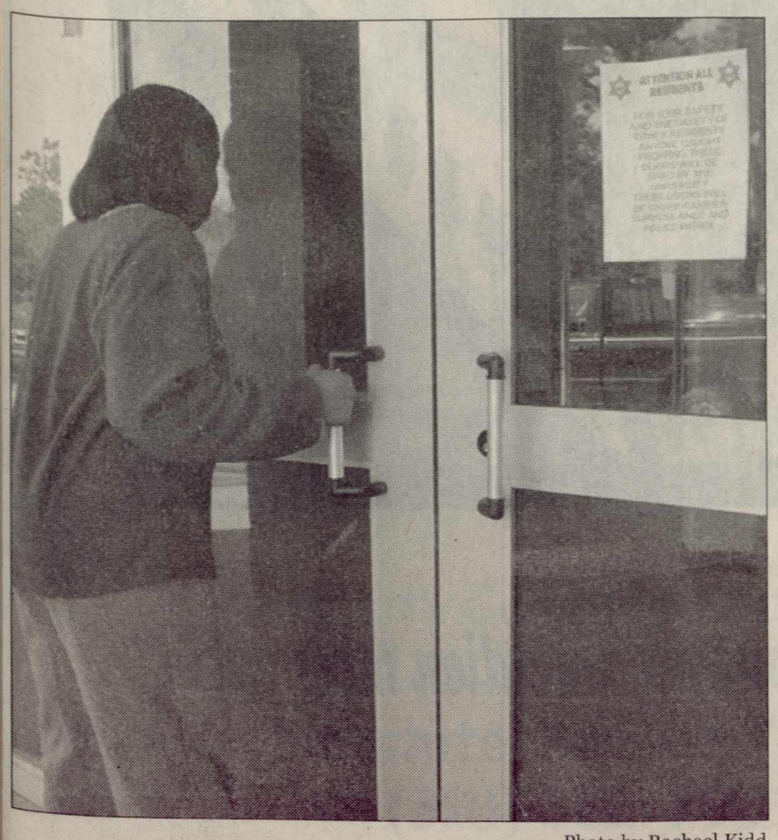


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Doors in need of repair at Sabine Hall were recently replaced. In an attempt to make the dorms a safer place, policy is now to keep doors locked at all times.



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The University physical plant is responsible for campus up-keep. In the past year the Physical Plant has started and/or completed numerous projects on campus. There are still noticeable problems, such as this sidewalk behind the Friedman Student Union.

Physical plant deals with the good, bad and ugly

By H. A. McDonald
Sauce Reporter

As the semester goes by, students complain more and more about problems around campus and things that need to be fixed. Parking spaces, elevators and the condition of the dorms are only a few of the things students complain about.

How often do students notice the good things happening around campus?

In the past year, the physical plant has started and/or completed numerous projects on campus.

The biggest project has been the renovation of the old Women's Gym. The old gym will soon be the Rehabilitation Facility for the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training.

The reconstruction project is the first federally funded project at Northwestern since 1970.

Planning for this project began in 1994. The reconstruction did not actually begin until January of 2000. The original completion date was scheduled for February 22, 2001. Due to the recent weather, the facility should be done by the end of March.

In the fall of 2000, the physical plant installed an elevator and chair lift in the student union. They are currently looking into putting an elevator and chair lift in Roy Hall.

The West Campus Chillwater Loop System has also been modified in the past year. There are four loops on campus that supply water to the chillers on campus. The chillers house the water needed for the air conditioners on campus.

Modifications included one mile of supply and return lines, two new chillers, two cooling towers and a pump.

The project is currently 75% complete. The air conditioners should be in use by April 1.

The electrical cable distribution upgrade was yet another major project.

On the west side of campus, there was a faulty distribution cable that has been replaced. Unlike most campuses, Northwestern has two loops for electricity. The two loops are set up to be able to feed off one another. If one loop were to lose power, it could feed off the second loop. Loran Lindsey, physical plant director, said this prevents electrical service from being uninterrupted

Another completed project is the golf course. Until this past fall, there have only been nine holes. The course now has 18 holes and is scheduled to be open this spring.

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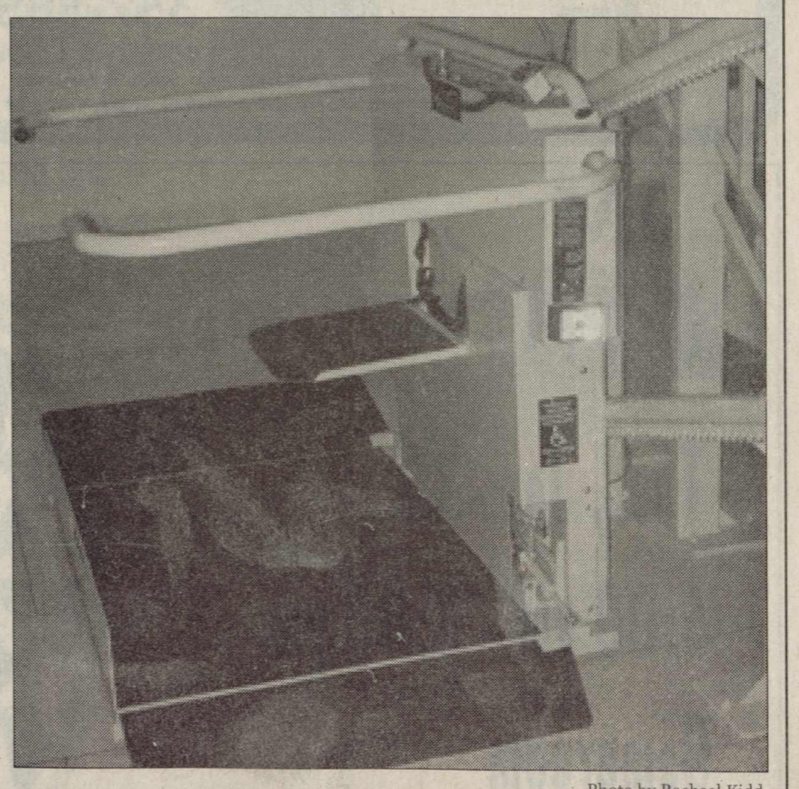


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Residence halls to receive new alarm systems

By H.A. McDonald
Sauce Reporter

Faulty alarm contacts and doors being propped open are only two of the things on campus threatening the safety of dorm residents. After more than 10 years, all residence halls will receive state-of-the-art alarm systems.

All of the dorms have alarm systems, but all of them do not work. Woody Blair, housing director, said faulty contacts on doors are one reason for the alarms not working.

Bids opened on November 17 for new alarms systems to be put in the residence halls.

On December 19, Diebold's bid was sent to an attorney because of liability language in the contract.

"They're saying they're not going to assume any liability arising from its use," said Peggy Crowder, director of purchasing.

The contract cannot be signed until Diebold agrees to accept some liability for its alarm system.

The new alarm system will also use the card-slide system. The current card-slides will be replaced with new Diebold card-slides, and new alarm contacts will be put on all of the remaining doors in the dorms.

Aramark already uses the Diebold card-slide system for food services.

The Diebold system will have two different settings. Housing and campus police will have the option of flipping a switch and making the alarm either sound or silent.

The system will be tied into the mainframe. There will be a monitor at the housing office and campus police that will show when an unauthorized door has been opened.

Anytime a residence hall door is opened, the monitor will show what door was opened, the date and the time it was opened. When the card-slide is used, the monitor will also show the name of the student who entered the door.

Currently, many of the doors in the dorms may be exited between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Once the new alarm system is in place, students will only be allowed to exit the card access doors regardless of the time of day.

"There are rules and regulations to accommodate anyone who does not want to obey the rules," said Blair.

If a student is caught propping a door open or letting unauthorized people in the dorms, there are several actions that can and will take place. Students may lose visitation privileges, be fined, kicked out of the resident halls or arrested.

All of the dorms will be receiving new alarms. Crowder said the alarms should cost roughly $148,000.

This project is being funded by a Capital Outlay account called the Systems Revenue Fund.

Stan Wright, accounting and reporting supervisor, said the money for this account comes from housing, food services and bookstore surpluses.

Crowder said if everything goes according to plan, the new alarms should be in place by the end of this semester.

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Lindsey and other physical plant workers are thinking ahead to the future. There are three major projects the physical plant is looking at for the next year and a half.

The Wellness Recreation and Activity Center (WRAC) will be ready to bid in early summer. The WRAC is a 40,000-ft expansion of the Intramural building.

Additions to the Intramural building include a three-lane indoor track, a full size basketball court, and rooms for heavy weights, aerobics and racquetball.

Once the project is started, it will take 12-15 months to complete.

Construction for Morrison Hall and the Family and Consumer Sciences Building (FACS) is scheduled to start in June.

Lindsey said Morrison Hall and the FACS building were built in the early 1950's, and they no longer meet ADA standards. To bring the buildings up to code, new elevators, central air and heat and energy efficient windows are a few renovations to be made.

The renovations will take about 12 months.

Once the construction begins, these classes will be moved to other buildings on campus.

With new chillers, electrical wires, elevators and plans for a state-of-the-art Intramural building, students will still continue to register complaints. Student complaints are heard, but improvements are made one step at a time.

Campus Connections

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
The SGA offers free scantrons to students every Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 222 of the Student Union. You will need a student I.D. to take advantage. Also, the students may stop by the Book Swap Board to look for books they may need for a cheaper rate. The SGA also has 11 senator at large positions open. Those interested can come by room 222 of the Student Union to pick up an application and they can return it to the same place.

WESLEY WESTMINSTER FOUNDATION
Students can have lunch at the Wesley Westminister Foundation (between Magee's and The Ink Spot) on Tuesday from 11:30 until 1 p.m. The first visit is free and $1 each time thereafter. Worship services are held from 6:30-7:30 pm each Wednesday.

COLLEGE DEMOCRATS
College Democrats conduct informational meetings every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union.

STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE
Meetings are held every Wednesday at noon in room 224 of Russell Hall. All majors welcome.

CATHOLIC STUDENT ORGANIZATION
The CSO would like to invite all students to join the CSO for fun, fellowship, and a free meal every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church (located on Second Street). You do not have to be Catholic to join in on the fun; every student is welcome. There is also a student Mass held every Sunday at 9:30 p.m.

THE ARGUS
The Argus, the University's literary magazine, is accepting submissions for publication. Submissions may be fiction, non-fiction, poetry, art or screenwriting. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 1. First-, second-, and third-place winners will receive cash prizes for their efforts. Please send submissions to Argus@alpha.nsula.edu.

BLUE KEY
Blue Key will be having a meeting on today at 8p.m. If there are any questions, members can call 352-3845.

NSU CLUB SOCCER
NSU Club Soccer is open to anyone who wants to play soccer on a collegiate level .For more information contact Cesar Isgitt at 354-6483 or Coach Jim at 352-5888.

NSU BASKETBALL
The Demons and Lady Demons are going to be in doubleheader SLC action this Saturday against rival UL-Monroe. The Demons kick things off with a 2 p.m. tip off and the Lady Demons will follow up at 4 p.m. Saturday also marks the return of the "Centurytel Shot of the Century" where one lucky student has a chance of winning a free year's tuition with one shot. The 2001 Demon Baseball team will be featured at halftime of the men's game. All Demon fans are encouraged to attend.

SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS
SPJ will have its first meeting today in the conference room (room 107) of Kyser Hall. The meeting starts at 4:15 p.m.



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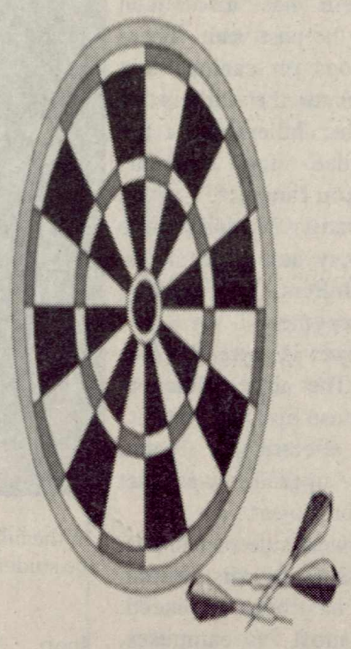
Time is running out. The deadline is Wednesday, January 31.

Contact Dr. Pratt in the Spanish program for more information.

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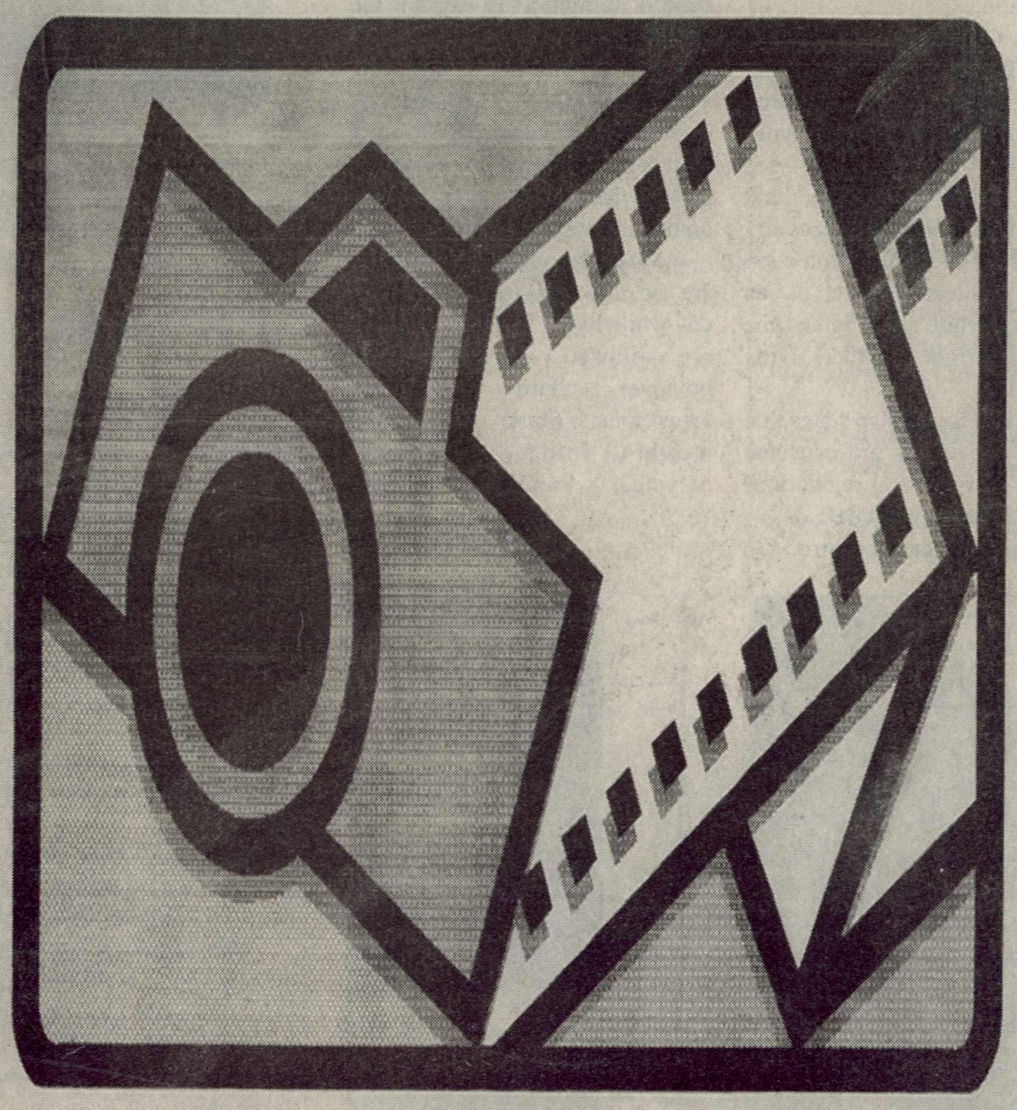


Tue., Jan. 30
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Gameroom

For Information Call 357-5461

ATTENTION:

The *Potpourri* has extended the deadline for organizations to turn in color photographs for the 2001 yearbook. Please turn pictures into 225 Kyser by Friday February 2. This is your last chance.



Don't let your organization miss out!

SGA Minutes 1/22/01

I. Call to order

The prayer was led by Brian Wilkinson. The pledge was led by Dustin Floyd.

II. Roll call

Present:

Leanna Anderson
Wayne Bush
Vanessa Byrd
Buster Carlisle
Greg Comeaux
Matthew Comeaux
Stacie Cosby
Craig Coutee
Jessica Cramer
Kimberly Dickerson
William Eilers
Dustin Floyd
Will Hooper
Elizabeth Hughes
Shaun Jackson
Dustin Matthews
Tara Newman
Jeremiah Newsom
Ben Nihart
Justin Owen
Dwayne Rex
Shelly Smith
Shymika Stephenson
Frank Toro
Glenn Ward
Jennifer Whittington
Brian Wilkinson

Absent:

Chante Bellard
Jonathan Chance-excused

III. Executive Reports:

Vice-President- Rusty Broussard- class senators get your business cards.
Blood Drive Thursday for NSU student- please donate blood
Elections are April 4 & 5; Breakfast with the President- Feb. 16
Liz Hughes and Jessica Cramer walked in.
Get your t-shirts.

President- David Gunn
Dwayne Rex walked in.
Cabinet meetings will be the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month at 4pm.
I am establishing an ad hoc committee for this semester only that deals with areas of student concern that were cited most often in the Board of Regents Satisfaction survey that was conducted last year. The areas that were cited the most were dealing with improvements primarily in the areas of parking and residence halls. I've already been working on some possible solutions to these areas. These meetings will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month at 4pm.
STAT meetings will now be held on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 3:30pm. I will be scheduling an emergency STAT meeting for early next week. STAT members get with me tomorrow afternoon to learn of this time.
Business cards are in finally.
Talked about the IM

IV. Department/ Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs- Jessica Cramer needs to meet with committee heads.
Meetings Mondays at 4pm are changed to Wednesdays at 4pm.
External Affairs- Glenn Ward
Thanks to committee for making signs to promote treasury
Radio show 9-12 noon Tuesdays
Thursday at 4pm make banner
Fiscal Affairs- Rusty Broussard
Meet with him after the meeting
Club Sports- Matt Comeaux
Anyone interested put schedule in box
Organizational Grants- Matt Comeaux
Need 6 people to meet after meeting
Internal Affairs- Vanessa Byrd
Planning a workshop February 3-5
Explained by-laws
Office hours start this week
Class Council- Dustin Floyd
Needs class council advisor
Meetings Thursdays at 3pm
Election Board- Elizabeth Hughes
Elections April 4 & 5 in the Student Union
Need class senators
Student Affairs- Justin Owen
Met with Mr. Lindsey about marquis and microwaves
Traffic appeals met today
Traffic and parking tomorrow at 2pm
IM- Jeremiah Newsom- no report
Mr. Henry- concept of building is moving on
Supreme Court- Niko Tesvich
Find out tomorrow if justices had graduated (Tim Long and Larry Collins)
Ben Nihart walked in.
Advisor's Report- Mr. Henry
Thanks to traffic appeals committee
Need report from Justin Owen about signs made to let disabled students know of elevator and lift.

V. Old Business

Dustin Floyd moved to send back the amendments to the by-laws to Internal Affairs.
William Eilers seconded.
The motion failed.
Jeremiah Newsom moved to table by-laws and approve constitution.
Jessica Cramer seconded.
Discussion followed.
Jeremiah Newsom rescinded his motion.
Matt Comeaux moved to approve the constitution and by-laws amendments.
Frank Toro seconded.
Discussion followed.
The motion passed 23-3-1.
Dustin Floyd moved to approve $2000 and what is left to rollover with $500 max.
Justin Owen seconded.
Discussion followed.
Dustin Floyd rescinded his motion and moved to send to committee.
Frank Toro seconded.
The motion passed 27-0-0.

VI. New Business

Justin Owen, Shymika Stephenson, Jessica Cramer, Jeremiah Newsom, Frank Toro, and Greg Comeaux volunteered for organizational grants committee.
Rusty Broussard recommended Matt Comeaux as organizational grants head.
David Gunn approved.
The motion passed 26-0-1.

VII. Announcements

Matt Comeaux needs schedules in his box.
Rusty Broussard- office hours start this week
Department heads need to meet with him this week.
DONATE BLOOD!
Jessica Cramer needs academic affairs.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

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equipment, toasters and microwaves.

According to the handbook, there are quiet hours that should be adhered to. These hours are from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. on days preceding class.

Visitation in dorms is also regulated in the handbook. Residents are allowed opposite sex visits only between the hours designated in their hall. Visitors must obtain a visitation pass from the front desk of the residence hall.

For security reasons, certain doors within the dormitory are locked according to hours established by the University. During those hours, students are required to enter and leave through the hall's front door and show ID to security personnel.

Rampant violation of the latter rule has caused some students to feel unsafe because people sneaking into the dorms can cause damage or a disturbance.

"There's a reason for guests to sign in," Woody Blair, director of residential life, said.

Blair said that dormitory workers can protect students better when they know who is coming and going.

He said there are enough protective measures already in place to provide adequate safety for residents.

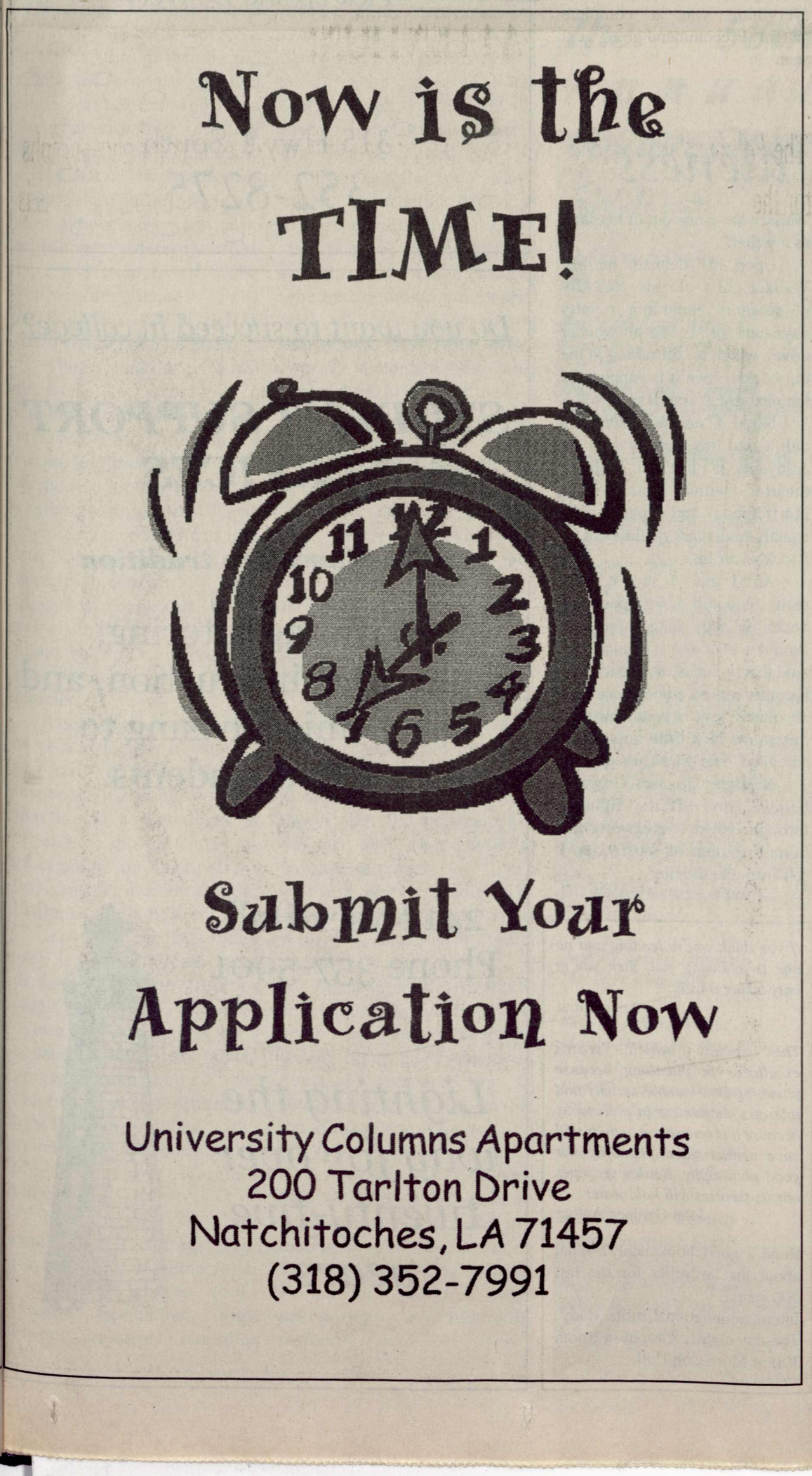
Krepper said she agreed with Blair, saying she feels safe in her dorm room.

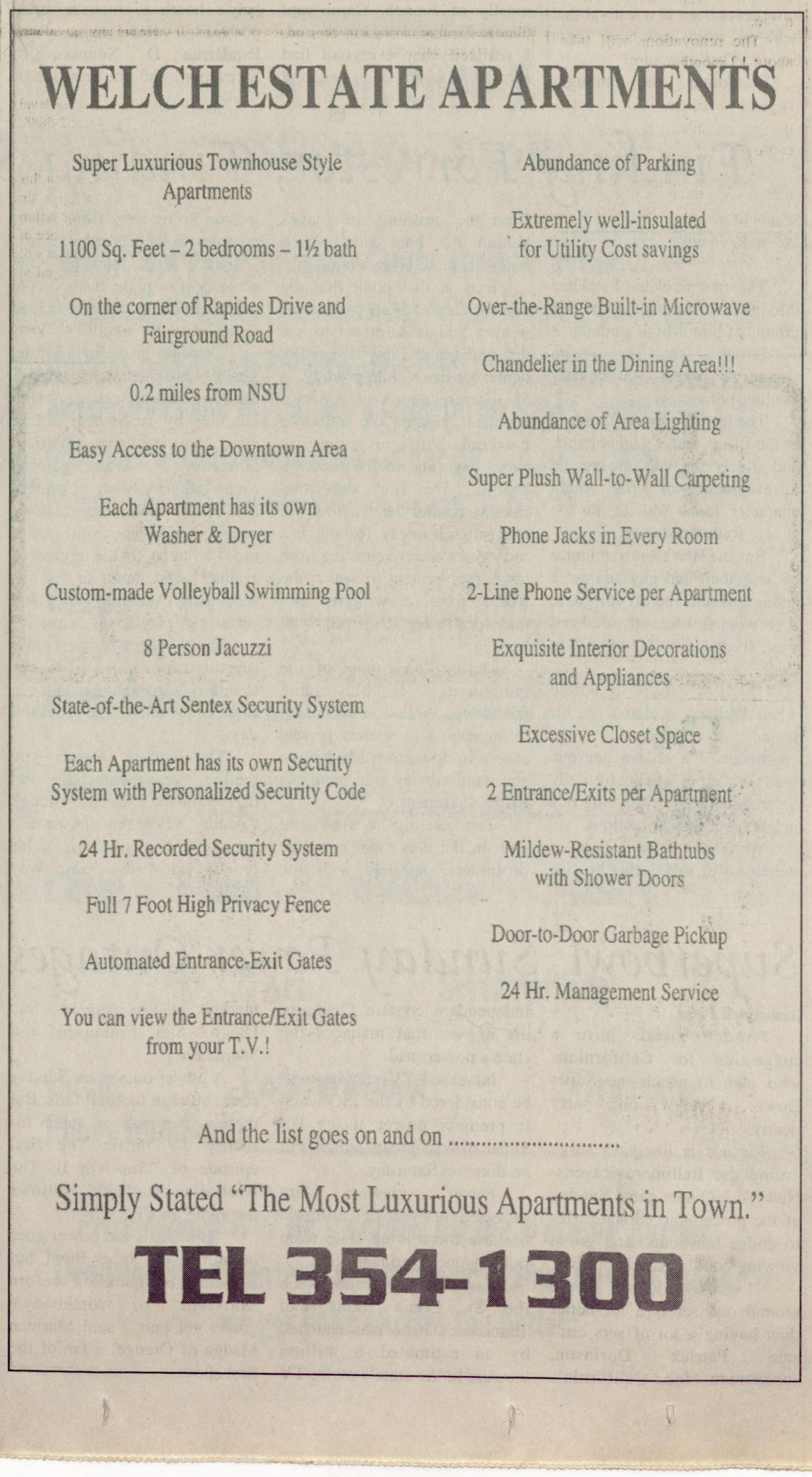
"It doesn't matter how safe I want the building to be, the students are the ones who make it a lot safer," Blair said.

Blair said the University is currently working on having alarms installed on all entrance doors to alert them of open doors that should be closed.

Also Blair said they are trying to increase the hours desk workers are present in dorms from 18 hours to 24 hours. Finally, he said they are considering the installation of cameras at all entrances.







LIFE: Entertainment

Creole Festival: Food, Music, and Fun

Rachael Kidd
Review

The fact that I enjoyed the Creole festival was definitely unexpected.

The annual Creole Festival kicked off its activities last Friday night with a Zydeco concert on the downtown riverfront of Natchitoches. Because of the rain and bad weather, I decided not to attend. I did, however, attend the festivities held on Saturday in Melrose at the St. Augustine Church.



Photography by: Rachael Kidd
People browse at the masterful arts and crafts at the Creole Festival.

Upon arriving, I quickly realized there were a lot more people present than I had anticipated. Cars were lined on both sides of the road in single-file lines stretching at least a mile. Realizing the event was more of a social event than I thought and that I was completely underdressed for the occasion, I parked my truck at the nearest roadside crevice and headed for the gates.

Aromas from the food were coming from all directions. People were everywhere. After being there for only a few minutes, I noticed the crowd moving towards a huge white tent that had been pitched especially for the festival.
Deciding that it would be warmer inside, I followed. Inside the tent were hundreds of people. Babies, teens and adults all waited patiently for the mass to begin. I have never been to a festival that held an entire one-hour mass before. That's for sure!

I found the thought delightful, so I decided to stay . Although there was a constant hum of noise from people shuffling chairs against the floor desperate to get a seat, everyone was completely attentive.

All the people in the tent seemed to know each other. A lot of hugging, laughing and talking followed the service, so no one was making their way to the exit.

Rodney Meziere and his wife were sitting next to me, and I asked what the situation and events were all about.

"A community of people, all with direct history get together once a year and celebrate their heritage,"Meziere replied.

Meziere also said that most people at the festival came from south Louisiana and that they are mostly of French, Cajun and Creole descent. Looking around, I realized that everyone had about the same skin tone and features. I was the odd ball out, but somehow I felt as if I wasn't. The environment had established a sense of southern hospitality and familial warmth.

Next in the tent were Zydeco dancers and after that came official bingo. The dancers were completely skillful, and the crowd loved it! It was pretty impressive. Hooping and hollering filled the tent. Soon afterwards I left, missing the exciting games of Bingo.

I made my way to the church hall where the arts and crafts I had been looking for were.

Tables with original artwork from pencil sketches and woodcarvings to cookbooks and jarred vegetables lined the hall. I walked around and stopped at a lady's booth to look at some postcards. Her name was Panderina D. Soumas, of Shreveport, and she was one of the nicest people I'd ever met. I must have talked to her for at least 30 minutes.

Soumas said that she was a descendant of John S. Doumas, a former slave from south Louisiana. She explained that her ancestor helped to initiate integration in his community, thus becoming an infamous name to the residents of south Louisiana. Encouraging me to look at clippings, I realized how proud of him she was. I could also tell that she was glad to be a part of this.

The recipes in Doumas' cookbook were amazing! Voo-Doo balls and Creole Bayou Pepper Jelly were some of the best in her book. In addition to the recipes, the cookbook offered stories about the traditions of the Creoles.

"The stories add 'da flave', chere!" Doumas said.

Some of the stories included were Why you cook red beans on Monday and Why you jump the broom when you get married. The stories and recipes are truly one-of-a-kind, and so was Doumas with her warm personality and charming accent.

I loved the Creole Festival! So many festivals I've been to revolve around lackluster carnival rides and greasy food. Never have I been to one that actually reflects a culture. From the creole food to the totally original artwork to the fun dancing and the friendly visitors, everything was a complete delight! I recommend going next year.

Finding Forrester, Finding Staleness

Mindy Mixon
Movie Review

This past weekend I trekked through the mass hysteria and groups of junior-high students at Tinsletown to see Sean Connery's latest blockbuster Finding Forrerster.

The movie opens with a tour of the Bronx and it's inhabitants, and slowly the viewers see the development of the main character, Jamal Wallace, far too slowly for my taste.

But the first twenty minutes of basketball and guy talk were enough to turn me off for good. As a woman, I felt offended and was disgusted with what was said.

The story starts to unfold when Wallace is dared by his friends to break into the apartment of a known neurotic man who appears to get his daily entertainment by watching his neighbors' everyday actions.

Wallace's robbery proves unsuccessful, and during his flee from the building, he leaves behind his backpack, which holds his precious notebook.

It is at this point that the audience learns of his passion for writing and is surprised to see that underneath his sullen, sulky demeanor lies a child prodigy.

Forrerester, Connery's character, returns the treasured notebook with corrections on every page and their friendship begins. We find that this shadow behind the window has shut himself away for the last forty years, never venturing from his home, content to watch the world from a window and disassociate himself from what he sees.

During the course of the tumultuous yet blossoming friendship, Wallace is accepted to an elite, high-society private school in downtown Manhattan, a distant subway ride from his Bronx apartment.

The hostility he must deal with in the classroom from his professors parallels with the tension he receives from fellow preppies on the basketball court.

But alas, during his adolescent struggle, his good pal Forrerster stands close by to lend an ear and offer advice.

Through a stroke of fate, Jamal's assignment in English class is to read the classic Avalon Landing by renowned author, who else, reclusive William Forrerster. After gaining each others trust, Connery begins to make appearances outside his private world just in time to come to the rescue of Wallace, who stands to lose his scholarship and new, ritzy life because of plagiarism charges.

Shortly after the writer plays superhero for Jamal, he decides to return to his native country in Europe to relive the youthful days.

The ending leaves you feeling very melancholy and disappointed. Even though Connery dies at the end, he dies happy. He has come out of his lonely world the same way Wallace has come out of his shell as a writer.

Upon his demise, he left Wallace all of his worldly possessions, including royalty payments for his one-hit wonder novel, which is still raking in the big bucks, since it is supposedly the next great American novel.

Now, I am not saying I didn't find this feel-good movie enjoyable. It's just that I left the theatre with feelings of indifference and apathy, not exactly trademark qualities of a Blockbuster hit.

Am I glad I saw it? Not really. I could have spent my $6.25 on something more fun. Would I ever see it again? No. And that includes renting it when it comes out on video. Because I absolutely love to watch movies, this shows how little impact this so-called "rare find" had on me.

Needless to say, I don't believe my efforts fighting through crowds were worth the minute amount of satisfaction I felt from the movie.

Superbowl Sunday Power Outages

Associated Press

Power officials have a suggestion for Californians who plan to watch the Super Bowl on television: party hearty.

TV use is likely to surge during the Baltimore Ravens-New York Giants game Sunday as the power-starved state tries to dodge blackouts, and group viewing could ease the burden.

``I guess a lot of people around one set is a lot better than having a lot of sets on,'' said Patrick Dorinson, spokesman for California's Independent System Operator, the agency that manages the state's power grid.

Increased TV viewing will be considered by the ISO when it predicts power usage for Super Bowl Sunday, which will be done on Saturday.

Fewer viewers are expected this year in California because there is no state team in the game, Dorinson said.

Last year's contest between the St. Louis Rams and Tennessee Titans was watched by an estimated 8 million viewers in the state's major TV markets of Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco and Sacramento.

A power outage on Sunday could outrage football fans. But there's as much at stake for reality TV buffs: The first episode of ``Survivor II: The Australian Outback'' follows the game on CBS.

``It's OK if the power goes out during the Super Bowl, but it better be back on before 'Survivor' or somebody's gonna get hurt,'' said Marleen Madge of Orange, a fan of the first show.

If you think you're leading and no one is following you, then you're only taking a walk.

-Anonymous

The society which scorns excellence in plumbing because plumbing is a humble activity and tolerates shoddiness in philosophy because it is an exalted activity will have neither good plumbing nor good philosophy. Neither its pipes nor its theories will hold water.

-John Gardner, Author

Read a good book lately? What about the bestseller for the last 500 years?
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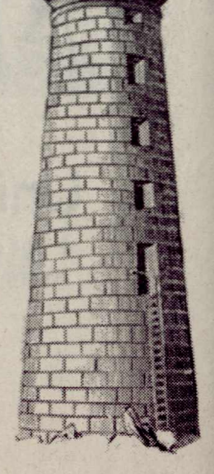
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Stress and Your Well-being

By Tara L. Gallien, M.Ed.
LIFE Wellness Columnist

PART 1: *Learn to Identify Your Stressors*

You need change in your life! Without it, life would be unexciting and dull.

Change can be challenging, stimulating and rewarding, but it can also lead to stress. When you take control of change and adjust appropriately, it can be positive stress, also known as *eustress* (e.g., starting a new relationship, athletic competition, getting a new job, etc.) However, if you handle change poorly, it can result in a negative-type of stress called *distress*.

Learning to manage stress can enhance your overall well-being.

This article will be the first of a two-part series on stress. My goal in part one is to help you identify the circumstances and events that cause you stress.

WHAT IS STRESS? WHAT ARE STRESSORS?

Stress is defined as "the body's response to any real or imagined demands placed upon it." In other words, stress is the physical and emotional response you feel when you are exposed to an event or situation resulting in change. The events and circumstances that cause this reaction are called *stressors*. How you perceive and cope with stressors determines the type and amount of stress you will experience.

HOW DOES YOUR BODY RESPOND TO STRESS?

The body's initial response to stress is a chemical one. Chemicals are released into the blood stream and travel throughout the body to help prepare it to challenge stressors. These chemicals increase heart rate and respiration, cause muscle tension, slow digestion, constrict blood vessels in the hands and feet, dilate pupils, and increase cohesiveness of blood platelets.

This response is known as the "fight or flight" response. It is a primitive response that enables us to function at a high level of efficiency during times of emergency or high stress (e.g., athletic competition, battle, saving a life, etc.).

However, our lives today are so fast-paced and demanding that our "fight or flight" response is activated over and over again. This constant state of alarm prevents our body from reaching or maintaining homeostasis, when the systems of the body work together to maintain balance.

If stress is not controlled, it can result in physical and emotional disruption, illness (e.g., tension headaches, high blood pressure, irregular heartbeat, sexual dysfunction, infections, tumors, ulcers, etc.) and perhaps, even death.

HOW TO IDENTIFY YOUR STRESSORS

Stressors can be divided into three specific categories: external, interpersonal, and internal.

Each category can then be further categorized into major and daily life changes or events.

Listed below are examples of stressors in each of the categories and sub-categories.

***External*:** environmental
Major: war, food shortage, long-term power outage
Daily: traffic jam, flat tire, store closed, bad weather

Interpersonal: between people
Major: divorce, death of a loved one, losing a job
Daily: conflict with a coworker/boss/friend/spouse

Internal: personal
Major: diagnosed with a disease, aging, depression
Daily: cold or flu, making decisions, poor self-esteem

It is important to note that although we can control many of our stressors, there are some we cannot.

For example, you cannot control the weather or when a store decides to close. In the case of interpersonal stressors, you can't change whether someone you work with is troublesome or obnoxious. But what you *can* do is control how you respond to these situations.

Take a moment to write down your stressors using the categories listed above. Highlight the ones you feel you have the most control over, circle the ones you have some control over, and underline those stressors you feel no control over. Now put them in three different lists depending on your perceived level of control.

Make sure to be specific about each stressor. For example, instead of listing a particular person as a stressor, list exactly the things that the person may do or say that evokes feelings of stress.

Next week's article will assist in helping you find ways to deal with your stressors.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about what you have read, or would like to have your own question answered in a future article, please email me at *tarag@nsula.edu.*

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The Sacred Romance

Alan Smithee
Guest Opinion Columnist

Let us explore together the dream that has been weaved since before the beginning of time. Let us rediscover the oldest story in the world, one that is forever young. Let us see how at one time we possessed our own hearts, then how our heart was lost, stolen from this beautiful romance where every other great and precious thing in life would find its source.

We find that our view, perception and interpretation of life comes out of the relationship with the one who possesses our heart.

If good, then we will see lemons as a provision to simply make lemonade out of a situation. If evil, then lemons would be just another sour spot in our life. The waters of life can be very bitter, but the one who I am involved with, the one who possesses my heart, causes the bitter water to be made sweet. My view, perception or interpretation of life and every circumstance in it is flowing from a healthy, balanced relationship with real love itself.

You see, this relationship has all the ingredients of a good fairy tale. Good is pitted against evil. Love against hate; order against chaos. A true hero ready and willing to die for his beloved. The tale culminates in a climactic battle where it is often hard to tell who belongs to which side from among the other because appearances are often deceptive but where we know good will win. But, there is one crucial difference between this romantic fairy tale and all others. This one claims to be wholly true and that it not only happened once upon a time but has kept on happening ever since it began and still continues today.

What is it that love wants so desperately? Could there really be something discernable in us? Something the King of the Universe has moved heaven and earth to get?

George Herbert searched for words to express his wonder at this thought, and wrote "My God, what is a heart that thou shouldst eye and woo, powering upon it with all thy heart as if thou hadst nothing else to do."

It has been said that every woman is in some way either searching for or running from her beauty. Likewise, every man is either looking for or avoiding his strength. In some deep place within, we remember what we were made to be. We shouldn't run from it. We must remember we are here to love and be loved.

There is a love for us that cannot be forgotten with the closing of a book. The love for us does not die on a battlefield, but instead shines forth brighter through that death. We must realize there is a way, a road, a light and a love helping us in this maze called life. There is a master writer and poet of this romantic tale who illustrates but whose ink never fades.

Why do I say all of this? My reasons are those of C.S. Lewis who once said, "Consider me as a patient in the same hospital, who, having been admitted a little earlier, could give some advice."

Reasons cited for decline in Louisiana filmmaking

Associated Press

A report by Louisiana's film commissioner, Mark Smith, cites numerous reasons for a decline in the number of movies being made here, but Mayor of New Orleans, Marc Morial questions doubts the report's accuracy.

The report by Smith cites substandard financial incentives, air service from Los Angeles, bureaucratic obstacles in the city and perceived labor problems. It was produced for Lt. Gov. Kathleen Blanco and Phillip Jones, secretary of the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

Citing a factual inaccuracy and calling its author a ``novice, inexperienced film office director,'' New Orleans Mayor Morial led a charge of criticism against the report.

The report includes comments from unidentified film industry executives interviewed by Smith. These comments included several criticisms of New Orleans, remarking that city bureaucracy has hampered producers and an erroneous comment that the ``New Orleans (International Airport is) unable to handle wide-body planes primarily used to transport heavy camera equipment.''

In a letter to Blanco, Morial said he was ``extremely disappointed and dismayed that such an ill-informed document would be prepared, released and distributed as 'fact' without New Orleans having the opportunity to address so many of its inaccuracies.''

City bureaucracy has not hurt the film business in New Orleans, Morial wrote. Though it is true that the city must balance interests of filmmakers with those of citizens, the city still works successfully with ``hundreds of producers'' each year.

Smith defended the report, saying it was intended to bring about dialogue about the industry and that the comments from interviewees were not intended to be seen as facts but as perceptions of film industry people.

Al Salzer, a film producer who is in New Orleans shooting two movies with budgets of about $1 million each, said Morial's administration was ``very film-friendly.'' Salzer said Blanco and Smith also were supportive of filmmaking in Louisiana.

After peaking in the mid-1990s, filmmaking in Louisiana has dropped off sharply in recent years. New Orleans, the state's bellwether film locale, has suffered acutely. After peaking at $71 million in 1996, direct spending on film and TV production in New Orleans dropped to $35.2 million,in 1999, according to the New Orleans Film and Video Commission, a division of the Mayor's Office of Tourism, Arts and Entertainment.

On a state level, Smith's report attributed the decline to Canada's aggressive financial incentives, which increasingly have lured movies from New Orleans and other U.S. sites.

The 58th Annual Golden Globe Awards

Best Picture: Drama
Gladiator

Best Film Actor: Drama
Tom Hanks, Cast Away

Best Film Actress: Drama
Julia Roberts, Erin Brockovich

Best Picture: Musical/Comedy
Almost Famous

Best Film Actor: Comedy
George Clooney, O Brother, Where Art Thou?

Best Film Actress: Comedy
Renee Zellweger, Nurse Betty

Best Director: Film
Ang Lee, Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon

Best Screenplay: Film
Stephen Gaghan, Traffic

Supporting Actor: Film
Benicio Del Toro, Traffic

Supporting Actress: Film
Kate Hudson, Almost Famous

Best TV Series: Drama
The West Wing, NBC

Best TV Actor: Drama
Martin Sheen, The West Wing

Best TV Actress: Drama
Sela Ward, Once and Again

Best TV Series: Comedy
Sex and the City, HBO

Best TV Actor: Comedy
Kelsey Grammer, Frasier

Best TV Actress: Comedy
Sarah Jessica Parker, Sex and the City

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NSU's Literary Magazine

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Sports

Somebody call security, Lady Demons mug Ladies 102-62

By Kris Collinsworth
Sauce Reporter

LaTerrica Dobin poured out 23 points and went 9-10 from the charity stripe as the Northwestern State Lady Demons abused the Centenary Ladies 102-62.

"Overall I was very pleased with our performance," Demon head coach James Smith said. "Everyone played very hard and very well. We shot the ball a lot better and causes a lot of turnovers."

Dobin, a 5-4 Bossier City native, lead the team in scoring, swishing 6-11 from inside the paint, while posting seven assists. The second part of the point guards, Anna Means, accounted for 12 points.

"I was pleased with the effort tonight," Smith told. "Our point guards had 35 points, 12 assists and six turnovers."

Two other Demons reach double-digit scoring, Back from a foot injury; Angela Davidson racked up 15 point in a 27-minute workout, hitting 6-11 from the 2-point region.

"We were only going to play Angela for 20 minutes," Smith added. "She played very smart getting 15 points."

Alexis Pettway and Julie Danieles led Centenary, both shooting 10 points.

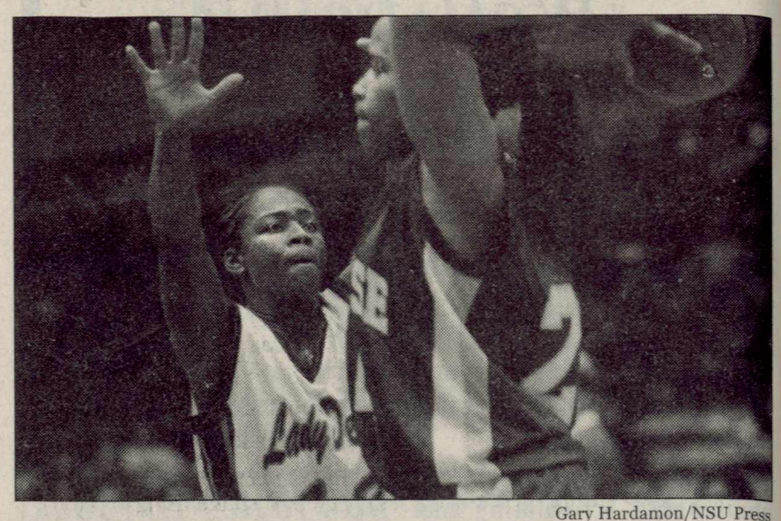
The Demons outclassed Centenary, with the Ladies committing 43 turnovers to the Demons 17.

Northwestern State also outboarded the Ladies 36-31. The Demons accumulated 24 offensive rebounds against the Ladies eight offensive boards.

Northwestern State climbs to 11-6 overall, resting at fourth place in the Southland Conference with a 6-4 mark and ten conference games left. Centenary remains winless 0-18.

Last night's victory was the second largest margin of victory for Northwestern State this season. Northwestern State defeated Centenary at Prather Coliseum 92-49.

Northwestern State will return to Prather Coliseum in SLC action Saturday when they face in-state rival Louisiana Monroe at 4 p.m.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Press

LaTerrica Dobin scored a career-high 23 points against Centenary

Baller Blockin'

Fischer swats a new conference record in 76-70 win

By Cooda Dobin
Sauce Reporter

Freshman D'Or Fischer threw his very own block party Monday night in Prather Coliseum.

His guests of honor were the Southwest texas Bobcats.

Fischer, a 6'11" center, rejected a total of 12 of the Bobcats shot attempts in leading towards the Demons 76-70

With nine blocks in the first half Fischer had already broken the NSU single game record of 7 set by Larry Terry against Louisiana-Monroe in 1993. Fischer went on to gain 3 more blocks and break the Southland Conference record of 11 set by Louisiana Monroe's 7-2 center Wojciech Myrda in 1999.

Only seven players in major college history, including NBA greats David Robinson of the San Antonio Spurs and Shawn Bradley of the Dallas Mavericks, have blocked more shots in a single collegiate game. Robinson had 14 against UNC in 1986 and Bradley with 13 against Kentucky in 1990.

"I really can't believe it," Fischer said "Me and David Robinson? That's crazy!"

Fischer tied the Louisiana record held by Los Angeles Lakers' star Shaquille O'Neal, formerly of LSU, and Milwaukee Bucks Ervin Johnson, formerly of New Orleans.

Fischer's 12 blocks also equals the NCAA Division single game high set this season by Hampton's Tarvis William.

"It was unbelievable" Demon guard Josh Hancock said of his teammate's accomplishments. "It was like he was playing against a bunch of 4-footers."

But Fischer didn't stop there, adding 11 points and 14 rebounds. to become only the second person in the Demons' 88-year history to record a triple-double.

The Demons leading scorer, Michael Byars-Dawson, added 14 and Kory Wilson added 13 despite the fact that his former high school coach is one of the assistants for the Bobcats.

Before Fischer's rewarding performance, he was coming off the bench an average of 8.5 minutes, 3.3 points, and 1.1 blocks a game in a 13 game period.

Fischer said that before the game he'd talked with assistant coach Joe Peterson and asked "If I work really hard on defense and sprint the floor everytime will I get more playing time?" He said Peterson assured him he would and stated that it would be obvious for everyone to see if he worked hard.

His 29 minute performance proved to be very astonishing, but even more so is the fact Fischer, a native of Philadelphia Pennsylvania, never played a full season of high school basketball or any other sport.



Gary Hardamon/NSU

Swattage! Fischer with one of his 13 blocks.

Fischer's Night

D'or Fischer became only the second Demon in history to record a triple-double, scoring 11 points, grabbing 14 rebounds and blocking 13 shots. We compared his night in history with others superlative accomplishments in the Southland Conference.

Points Scored: 52, Roderic Hall UTSA vs Maine, 1997
Three Pointers: 9, Henry Howard, SFA vs SLU, 1998
Assists: 21, Alvin Brooks, Lamar vs Texas- Pan American 1981
Blocks: 13, D'or Fisher, NSU vs SWT, 2001

Last NSU triple-double: Jethro Owens, 1991 vs Grambling
19 pts, 10 rebounds, 11 assists

No easy task tonight: Demons head to Nicholls in crucial conference showdown

By Mindy Mixon
Sauce Reporter

The Men's basketball team travels today to Thibodaux to meet up with the Nicholls State Colonels. Game time confirmed for 7:00 p.m.

The Demon's leave town off a key win last Monday over Southwest Texas and presently stand at an 8-6 overall and 5-3 Southland Conference record.

This past win earlier this week due largely to the efforts of freshman center D'or Fischer who broke the conference single-game record for blocked shots and fell two blocks short of tying the NCAA Division 1 record.

"Fischer showed tremendous effort against Southwest Texas. He has lots of potential and he's becoming more consistent," Head Coach Mike McConathy commented,

The Philadelphia native leaped from averaging eight minutes a game to twenty-nine minutes against
the Bobcats.

Last year, NSU split the series with the Colonels but McConathy knows what it will take to sweep the fiesty Colonels this season.

"True, the team is very talented – Arthur Harroldson and Chris Bacon are great ball players and the problem they(Nicholls) create for us is their successful rebounding skills. We have to be more competitive on the boards."

Poor rebounding has plagued the Demon offense so far. "We'll work on blocking out everyday – we've got to put bodies on people to keep them from going to board."

Although Nicholls has home court advantage, McConathy insists that "playing on the road hasn't ever been a factor – on the road we (as a team) tend to be more settled, while here on campus players are fragmented."

Looking down the road, the long term goals consist of hard work through the long months of February and March in an effort to reach the big tourney. "It's important that we finish in the Top 8," McConathy comments. "And the Top 4 get the advantage of hosting a home game."

Garcia, Mancuso and Palomarez make All-conference team

The three-time defending Southland Conference champion Northwestern State Demon softball team landed three players on the preseason all-conference second team and were picked to finish second by the Sports Information Directors and fourth by the Southland coaches.

Preseason all-conference selections Erin Mancuso, Erin Palomarez and Jada Garcia lead the list of Demons returning from last season's 41-19 team that advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the second time in three years and were ranked nationally in team batting average and slugging percentage.

"We are very optimistic about the season," said head coach Ty Singleton, in his first year at Northwestern. "For us to be successful this season, we need some of our younger players to produce, who have not been put in that position before."

"We are working very hard to focus on one pitch, one out and one game at a time," said Singleton, who replaced Gay McNutt as head coach when McNutt departed for Southern Mississippi last summer.

Mancuso, a junior from Sugerland, Texas, was the Most Valuable Player from the Southland Conference Tournament and a second team All-Southland Conference selection at first base last season.

Palomarez, a sophomore from Tuscon, Ariz., earned honorable mention All-Southland honors at designated player last season.

Garcia, the only Demon senior named to the preseason team, was a third team All-Southland Conference selection last season. stolen bases last year.

The Demons will open the 2001 season at Texas-Arlington on February 9.



File Photo

The Demons will have three members of the All-conference preseason team when the take the field February 3rd.

Southland Conference Preseason Softball coaches poll

1) UTSA
2) SW Texas
3) Louisiana-Monroe
4) Northwestern State
5) McNeese State
6) Texas- Arlington
7) SFA
8) SLU
9) Sam Houston
10) Nicholls

Watch and Win! *Current Sauce* Super Bowl pizza contest

By Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

If you think you've know what the final score of this year's Super Bowl will be, then you are the perfect contestant in the *Current Sauce's* Super Bowl Pizza giveaway.

The *Current Sauce* and Pizza Hut Pizza have teamed up to give you a chance to win some free food by entering the *Current Sauce* Super Bowl contest.

The rules are simple. Send an email of your prediction and who you think the winner will be to **currentsauce@hotmail.com.** Include your name and phone number and a final score. It should look like this:

Baltimore Ravens 10
NY Giants 7

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Remember, you must email your prediction to us. No paper predictions will be taken at the office nor will any staff member take a prediction. Only emails will be accepted.

The winner will be decided by how close he or she comes to the final score. If we use the sample score presented and the real score is Baltimore 17, NY Giants 3, then my score is 7 points from Baltimore's score and 4 points from NY's score. Thus I would be 11 points from the actual score.

The person with the lowest number from that equation will be the winner.

In the event of a tie, a drawing will be held by a member of the Journalism department faculty not affiliated with the production of the *Current Sauce.*

You have until noon this Sunday, January 28, 2001, to send and mail to our email account. No emails will be accepted after noon this Sunday.

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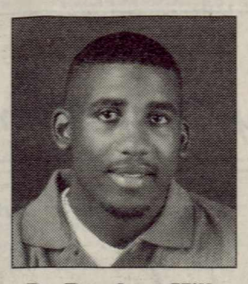
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Random thoughts from the sports editor

January 25, 2001



By Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

Quick Talking Points

- NSU Basketball players Kat Grieder and Kyle Thomas graduated from C.E. Byrd High School. I graduated from C.E. Byrd High School. I Just thought you should know.

- I'm all for the "Celebrity Courtside" table that the athletic department set up at basketball games, but I'm sick of seeing the same nobodies sitting there every game. Let's get some real celebrities to sit there. When are we going to see Jack Nicholson or Arsenio Hall sitting courtside? Couldn't you imagine Spike Lee sitting at the table yelling "wassup Dawson, you got no D? What?"

Main Course

It's a shame D'or Fisher racked up a triple-double Monday night.

It's a shame because today I won't be able to heap praise on Fisher for what was an outstanding performance.

I can't because I'm sure Fisher knows that without his triple-double, the Demons could have lost the game very, very badly.

In fact, during the game, my thoughts were, "I sure hope they don't blow the game on D'or's big night."

Despite the win, I think everyone on the Demon squad knows that's not how they want to win games. The questions is, "what's the problem?"

I think I may have at least part of the answer. Despite what I hear from Coach McConathy about his team not hustling or not playing 40 minutes or all of that coach speak,I don't think that is the root of the problem.

In fact, I'm part of the blame. I'm part of the many members of the southland conference media who have hyped the Demons, thus helping to create this monster.

To clear my point, let us think back to this year's Oklahoma Sooner football team. At the beginning of the season the Sooners were ranked but not expected to shake things up too much. Reporters said "they'd go to a good bowl game but they won't fare in the national title hunt." So the Sooners went on a mission to prove the critics wrong.

Critics said they couldn't beat Texas, so Oklahoma demolishes the Longhorns. Critics said, "that was nice, but there's no way you beat Kansas State." So what do the Sooners do, they go out and beat K-State.

The critics then said, "that was a pleasant surprise, but you can't possibly beat Nebraska, right." We all knows what happens then. Sooners win.

At this point, all of the naysayers actually believed the Oklahoma hype, and were ready to give the Sooners the respect they had earned. And what happened? The bottom almost fell out as the Sooners narrowly avoided late-season losses against bottom-feeder teams in the Big 12. Of course, the OU story has a happy ending, but it proves my point.

Lets come back to NSU. Last year was a surprise run by the NSU squad. They lived to prove critics wrong. They loved to say "I told you so." They went out and played very game as if they knew they were destined to win, no matter what the score. And they came within a couple of three-pointers of going to the NCAA tournament.

So this year, the Demons earn all of our respect, we put them at the top of every preseason poll and we expect them to win, like they should.

In short, they've believed the hype.

This team has gotten away from what made it so great last year. They won games because they had an "us against the world" philosophy. This year it seems like this team just expects to win because they walk out on the floor. Too many people trying to take too many shots. It doesn't work that way.

So I apologize to D'or for not giving him the props he deserves. Instead, I'll talk about the lack of rebounding in the past three games, the bad 2nd-half shooting and the way the horrible way this team finishes games. Monday's score should not have been 76-70.

Consider it a lack of respect on my part.

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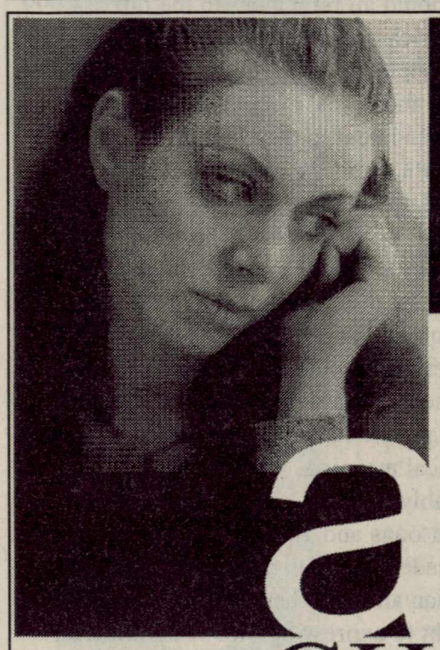
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All SAB events are free for NSU students with current NSU I.D.

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Opinions

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The Instant Wisdom piece bylined by Tony Blanco in the Jan. 11, Sauce cannot go unanswered.

To reply one has a choice of two paths. . . one is to question the accuracy of the opinion expressed based on the facts given and secondly to question the ability of the writer to accurately write such a piece. And in this situation both paths must be taken.

First, Tony Blanco a.k.a. Tony the Lonely probably has the best record of anyone on the Sauce staff of writing confusing and controversial material. We should all remember in the fall of 1999, when he used the "c" word which caused many at NSU to get in various stages of shock and apoplexy. Only the facts he has a close relative in high political office in LA and also a possible candidate for governor and the First Amendment to the US Constitution did some dire harm not come to him. And the saddest part was the column he wrote basically had no meaning or sense if you read it after surviving the shock of the "c" word.

To further demonstrate Tony's lack of meaning in his work for the Sauce, one only has to review those cartoons he drew last fall or read some of his other columns. Sorry folks, but they just don't make any sense to me or others around here.

This leads into the comments on fraternities in the Instant Wisdom column. He again has written words that put together do not have any coherent or logical meaning. He is not in a Greek organization and has presumably done all his fact gathering in the same head that created the cartoons and Tony the Lonely columns. This alone should give our readers the realization these words do not have any more validity than all that other stuff he has created.

One certainly has the right to express opinions and draw cartoons and legally and morally they is no rule they have to make sense. But shouldn't our campus newspaper solicit views based on facts or at least some knowledge to provide an arena for discussion or debate.

It is hard to counter each point he tries to make when they are so scatterbrained as to lack any logical basis for belief.

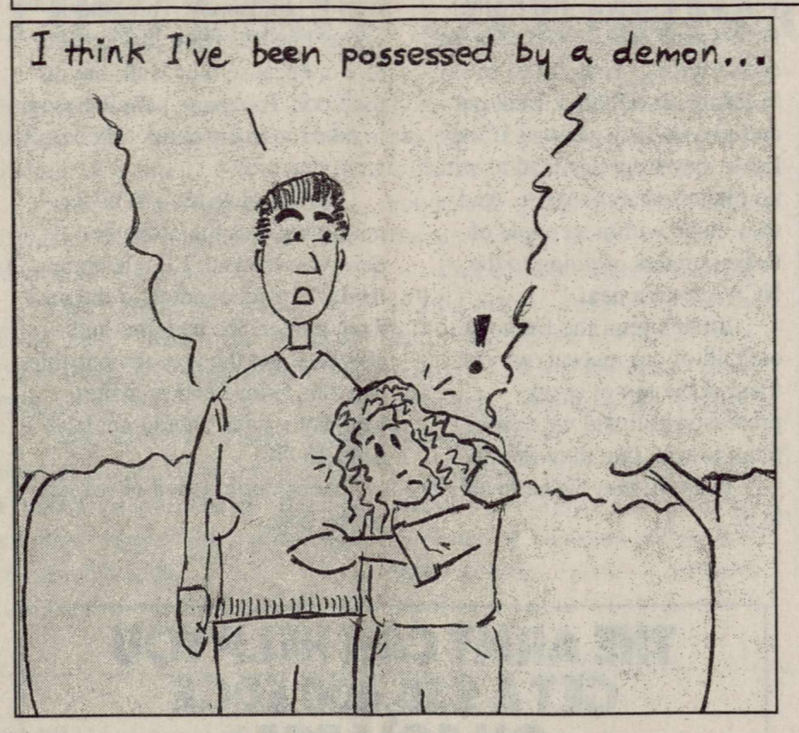
The Greek system has existed on the American college campus for over a century and has produced a distinguished group of alumni in our society that have made important contributions. And the record of Greek service at NSU has been impressive. These are facts which do not seem to be a criteria in Tony formulating his bizarre ideas.

So I urge our fellow students to review the facts of Greek achievements and also the works of Tony in his opinion pieces, his cartoons and his Tony the Lonely columns and decide which has the most basis for belief.

Sincerely,
The Brothers of Kappa Alpha Order

Loving Harmony

By Tony Blanco





In another's words... Bush vs Hussein--again?

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) _ President George W. Bush came into office talking tough about confronting Iraqi President Saddam Hussein over chemical and biological weapons. But developments in the Gulf region suggest he faces the same problems in outmaneuvering the Iraqi leader that his father and President Bill Clinton did before him.

Saddam and the larger issue of tensions in the Middle East are shaping up as Bush's first tough national security test.

U.S. intelligence reports suggest that Iraq has been rebuilding plants capable of producing chemical or biological weapons.

``What we don't know is what's going on in those facilities,'' Adm. Craig Quigley, a Pentagon spokesman, said Tuesday. ``And that is a cause for concern to us, given Saddam Hussein's past track record of obfuscation and denial of his (weapons) programs.''

Bush's national security team is also troubled about a new assertiveness expressed by Saddam and his followers _ including a proposal by his son, a member of the Iraqi parliament, that maps be modified to show Kuwait as a part of Iraq.

Saddam has been seeking to regain his place in the Arab world and attempting to tie his country's plight to that of the Palestinians.

In a televised speech last week marking the 10th anniversary of the start of the Gulf War, Saddam appealed to fellow Arabs to unite against foreign influence in the Middle East.

``We understand, going in, that this is still a dangerous man,'' Bush said in a recent interview.

Further destabilizing the region: Tuesday's breakdown in Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations. The talks in Taba, Egypt, ended abruptly when Israel recalled its delegation after two Israelis were killed, apparently by Palestinian gunmen.

Clinton invested an enormous amount of time and energy in his final year in trying to nudge the Israeli-Palestinian peace process forward.

Bush said he would try to maintain that commitment. And Secretary of State Colin Powell talked by telephone with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak. But underscoring a lower level of involvement was the absence of any U.S. representatives at the talks.

``The United States will decide, in this new administration, on the exact structure and form of its involvement. And we'll tell you about that when it's time,'' State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Tuesday.

Powell, as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Vice President Dick Cheney, as defense secretary, made war on Saddam Hussein in 1991. And both have issued hawkish statements on dealing with him now.

Furthermore, Bush said in several interviews that he would use military force against Saddam if it could be demonstrated the Iraqi leader was indeed rebuilding his arsenal.

But Bush conceded that might be hard without weapons inspectors.

``Therein lies the problem,'' he told The Associated Press. ``There is (satellite) imagery. We may catch him moving a giant weapon. I don't know. We'll see.''

Iraq agreed at the end of the Gulf War in 1991 to dismantle chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs. But Saddam kicked U.N. weapons inspectors after the U.S.-British ``Operation Desert Fox'' bombings in December 1998.

The Good, the bad and the ugly

with Josh Beavers

The NSU police have given me a raw deal. I haven't been busted for peddling heroin or anything as major as that, but I have been given a ticket for an act I did not commit.

I'm sure that many of you have probably been given a ticket while at this school for something you think you did not do. But deep down inside you know you really did park in the wrong spot or were going a few too many miles over the speed limit. This, however, is not the case for my particular ticket.

Let me recreate the scenario for you. It was a cold and rainy January night. I had just finished the newspaper for the week and was on my way home for a few hours sleep before classes the next morning. I approach the traffic light beside the Union and just as I get to it, the light goes from green to yellow. Now remember, I said it was raining. So, instead of slamming on my breaks and sliding into the middle of the intersection I proceed through. I am a good 3 seconds past the light before it turns red.

Then to my surprise what do I see in my mirror? The ever chilling blue lights of one of NSU's finest. I pull over, get out and what do I see? A young police officer walking toward me, clipboard in hand. ***I knew I was getting a ticket for something***. You can always tell. If a cop pulls you over and they don't have the clipboard, you are probably going to get off with a warning. But if they have that board in hand, you are through. They don't want to talk; all they want is to give you that little slip of white paper.

So, upon seeing the clipboard I asked the officer what the problem was in a genuine state of wonder. This is where the story gets interesting. Imagine, if you will, a voice equal parts anger, smugness and delight for writing a ticket to college boy.

"You know that stop light you went under?" he asked. "What color was it when you passed through?"

I answered, and he looked at me for a moment and then said, get this, "I saw red on your hood. The only way I could have seen red on your hood is if you went under it when it was red."

News flash. When a stop light is yellow or green on one side it will be red on the other. That is why he saw red on my hood. What was I going to do though? If I argued I knew I would get a state ticket. So, I just said I thought it was yellow and apologized.

Now, enter cop #2. He pulls up and asks cop #1 what I did. Cop #1 tells him and then #2 proceeds to give me a tongue lashing as if I were a two-year old child. These two police officers were very, very rude. It was as if they were taking joy in pulling me over. I took it all in stride though, and awaited my verdict.

They finally decide to give me an NSU ticket which lets me let out a huge sigh of relief. No large fine, no higher insurance rates, no hassling with city bureaucrats. I am happy and apologize again.

Later that night I begin to think, though. I did nothing wrong. And on top of that they treated me as if I were an idiot. I decided to appeal the NSU ticket an state my case before the appeals committee.

Now, get a load of this one. I go to the police station and they tell me that if I appeal the ticket I will be issued a state one in its place. Is it me or does that make no sense whatsoever? If I appeal, they will give me a stiffer penalty? That is the stupidest thing I have ever heard in my life. Well, maybe not the stupidest thing, but it is right up there.

What kind of system is this when if we question those in power we will be penalized even further? Is this Cuba? Is Castro our president?

That is bad, but it gets worse. When I asked how did such a stipulation come about I was told that the student traffic committee came up with it and put it into law.

I follow up on this and get in touch with some SGA officials. They have never heard of anything evenly remotely like what I was told.

So, not only was I given a ticket for something I did not do, treated like an idiot and made the victim of one of the stupidest laws in the books, I was also apparently given false information.

Isn't our police system great!?

Josh Beavers, Editor

The Box: Part III

The following is the conclusion of an ongoing series of original work by a student at NSU.

By Darcy Rain

I slept. The light radiated beautiful warmth that kept me secure as my mind drifted through a series of tranquil dreams. It's pretty nice. I mean, I've calmed down quite a bit from my previous hysteria. All feelings of hopelessness have dwindled down to confusion. I still haven't the slightest clue about what I'm supposed to do, but I'm not afraid anymore. And there's no point in worrying.

Perhaps the light helped to ease my mind. Perhaps it was the sleep. Where this peace came from is of no importance, though. I have it and I have to enjoy it.

I think about my home. I miss it...it was a part of me. Now I have this box, and it is starting to become a part of me as well. I still don't know why I am here or how I got here, but I am here. I've tried to get out but the walls are too strong to break through and there are no openings. No one heard my screams, and no one heard my fists pounding into the walls. I am here. This box is my new home. This box is my box.

I sigh and stand up to stretch. Just as I begin to straighten my back, to my astonishment, I hit my head on the ceiling.

My God! What's going on? Needless to say, my feeling of peace is overcome by terror and dismay. Earlier I had to reach to touch the ceiling. Now I can't even stand up?

I squat down, pick up my box of matches, and crawl towards the corner opposite the light. I sit down with my back against the wall and my knees pressed tightly against my chest, and I hurriedly light a match. My box is smaller, and once again, fear takes over me. Is this gonna keep on happening? Am I gonna die in here? Will the walls sink in until I suffocate or I am squished?

The issue has become quite critical...I've got to get out. I sit and fidget with my matches, my hands, anything just to keep moving...partially because of nervousness and partially as a reminder that I am still alive. I don't know what I am supposed to do! I am so afraid. Things keep changing and I am in control of nothing. Nothing at all! In an effort to regain any sense of peace, I look up towards the light, but the light dims.

Dear Readers,

Some of you might have noticed that Tony Blanco's column, "Instant Wisdom" is not in the paper this week. I can hear both the groans and the sighs of relief. To half of the student body that is thankful, you get a slight reprieve. For those who miss it, he will be back next week. The absence of the column is due to technical reasons. Basically, hotmail wasn't working, and I could not track Tony down in enough time.

Mary A. Freeman,
Opinions Editor

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I would like to thank those who have written in. Your support is appreciated. Furthermore, any work that may be of interest to the student body should by submitted.

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43rd LOB pageant set for Friday night

By Bridget Woods
Sauce Reporter

The contestants have auditioned and the candidates have been chosen. Now the Student Activities Board is gearing up to choose its 43rd Lady of the Bracelet to represent Northwestern State University for 2001.

The pageant will take place on Feb 2 and will be held at the A.A. Fredericks Fine Arts Auditorium at 7 p.m. General admission is $5 dollars, and students are admitted free with their I.D.

The Lady of the Bracelet is a preliminary event to the Miss Louisiana Pageant. The winner of the Miss Louisiana Pageant is then eligible to compete in the very Miss America Pageant.

But eligibility to better known and prestigious pageants isn't the only thing that the LOB has to offer students. Shelli Briery, an LOB contestant, said there are more important reasons to join the pageant besides being eligible for the Miss Louisiana Pageant.

"The winner gets a full scholarship - books, housing and everything," said Briery. "Basically, it is a free ride."

The Assistant Director of Student Activities and Organizations, Susanna Deshotel, stated runner-up to the LOB also receives a scholarship that pays for half of her educational expenses.

A panel of five judges selects the winner of the LOB pageant. Four of the judges are certified to judge the Miss Louisiana Pageant. The certified judges are Charles Lue Napper, Joe Schellette, Sharon Mock and Ann Harmon. Elaine Simmons is an experienced novice judge selected by the SAB.

2001 Lady of the Bracelet Contestants



Briery



Darbone



Davidson



Holley



Mims



Morgan



Sperry



Whitman

The contestants are judged in four categories, which include the interview, evening gown, swim suit and talent portions of the pageant. The contestants' scores for each category are added up and the contestant with the highest score is crowned the Lady of the Bracelet.

The pageant is opened to all interested female students who are enrolled full-time. All applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and plan to attend NSU the following year to serve out her reign. Lady of the Bracelet contestants for this year includes Shelli Briery, Sabrina Darbone,, Amaris Davidson, Kristen Holley Alexis Mims, Rachael Morgan, Stephanie Sperry and Crystal Whitman.

Briery is a journalism major specializing in broadcast journalism. She is an honor roll student and is a member of the Society of Professional Journalists and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Briery is the host of a talk show on Northwestern's cable channel, *NSU 22*. Her platform issue deals with acquaintance rape and how to prevent it.

Darbone is a family and consumer sciences major with a concentration in fashion merchandising. A graduate of LaGrange High School, she was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students three times. Her platform issue is prevention of school violence.

Davidson is a psychology major. A Dean's List student, she is a member of the Northwestern track team and cheerleading squad. Davidson's platform issue is a program, "YOU-NIQUE," which is designed to develop and increase self-esteem in children through mentoring.

An elementary education major, Holley is a member of Phi Mu Fraternity. A President's List student, she is a member of Kappa Delta Pi and the Order of Omega. Holley has also been a freshman connector. She is also in the University Choir and the Women's Choir. Holley's platform issue is "Self-Esteem Awareness for Youth."

Mims is a nursing major. At Minden High School, she was a member of the All-State and All-District Academic Basketball team. She was also majorette captain for two years and played clarinet. Mims was a member of several campus organizations. Her platform issue is "The Importance of Pre-Natal Care."

Morgan is an early childhood education major. She is a community assistant at the University Columns Apartments on NSU's campus. In that job, Morgan been active in community activities, leading a clothes drive and canned food drive. Morgan's platform issue is "Gun Safety Awareness."

Sperry is a theatre major. A Dean's List student, she has been active in performing arts productions at Northwestern, including the Christmas Gala. Sperry has played clarinet for nine years and was in her high school color guard. Her platform issue is "Reach Out and Care," which encourages young people to visit and get to know the elderly.

Whitman is journalism major specializing in broadcast journalism. She is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists and is a co-anchor on Northwestern's cable channel, *NSU 22*. Whitman has been the recipient of the Gengre Speaker Award and the National English Merit Award. Her platform issue is "Ending Childhood Hunger."

According to Deshotel the spectators of the pageant have more to look forward to than just beautiful gowns and competition this year. Northwestern State University's Theater department is assisting the SAB and is also making sure everything for the pageant goes well.

"This year we've worked closely with the Ed Brazo and Tom Shorrock of theater department. The entire department took the pageant under their wing making sure everything was right" Deshotel said.

Deshotel also said not only will spectators get to see who wins, they will get to see a quality production.

Increase of utility prices felt at University

By Bess Renfrow
Sauce Reporter

In September, the Energy Information Administration in the U.S. Department of Energy predicted tight supplies of natural gas for this winter.

Because this supply would be so limited, wellhead prices were projected to be nearly double the level of last winter. Domestic production of natural gas was expected to decrease because of the low wellhead prices for 1998 and 99.

Naturally, this situation caused several problems for the Physical Power Plant at the University. One problem is that, although consumption of electricity is down due to renovations around campus,, the cost of electricity has gone up. The electricity used to run the buildings on campus is bought from the City of Natchitoches.

The City of Natchitoches buys their's from the City of Lafayette. Since Lafayette uses natural gas to generate the electricity they sell, the rise in prices for natural gas has caused a rise in the price of the electricity. This change is now showing in the budget of the Physical Power Plant.

The expected cost of electricity for this year was roughly two million, or a nickel and a half per kilowatt hour. However, electricity has cost the University around three million or seven cents per kilowatt per hour. This is not the only way the natural gas market has affected Northwestern.

The buildings on campus and the water for the dorms on campus are heated with natural gas. This year's projection for gas cost was roughly seven-hundred thousand or three dollars and thirty cents per Mcf. The actual cost of natural gas has risen to six dollars and ninety-eight cents per Mcf.

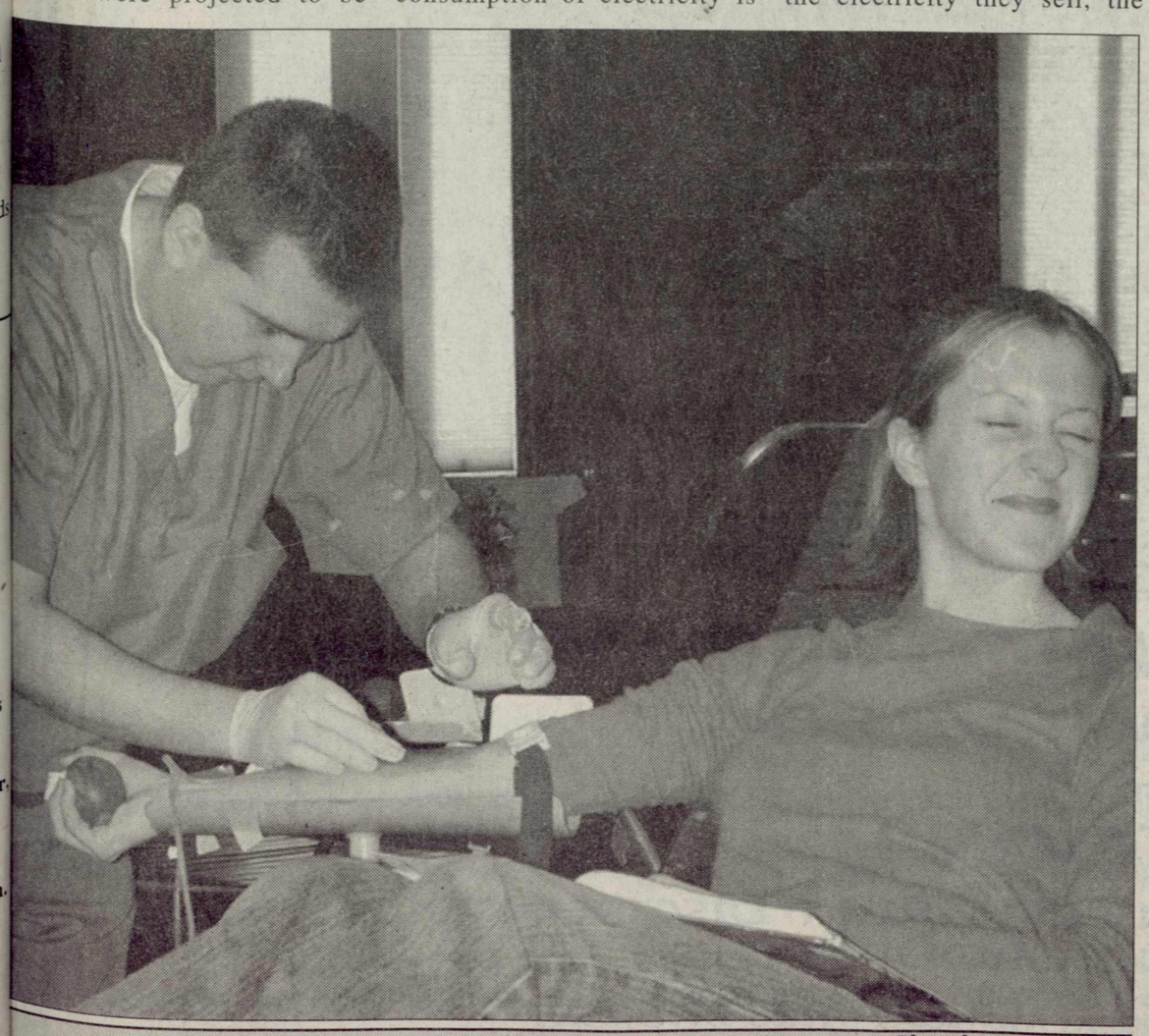
If this jump in prices is coupled with the fuel adjustment in electricity, the Physical Power Plant will exceed it's budget somewhere in the area of five hundred fifty thousand to seven hundred twenty thousand. The money to pay this debt will come from money set aside for renovations and expansions to the University.

"We are attempting to correct our problem on our campus at this moment," said Mr. Loran Lindsey, Director of the Physical Power Plant.

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Loran Lindsey
Director of the Physical Power Plant

Speaking on high utility costs



Ouch, that stings!

Photo by Rachael Kidd

The Lifeshare Blood Center visited Northwestern State University last Thursday. Freshman Nettie Krepper (right) gives her time and blood to help those individuals in need. Michael Feazelle (left), a phlebotomist with the Lifeshare Blood Center, happily took the blood from Krepper. The efforts were in an attempt to help one of Northwestern's own, Jennifer McCallister. McCallister suffers from a rare blood disease known as Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (TTP), a condition that requires seven units of plasma per day.

Online masters program helps students with distance learning

By Windy S. LaBorde
Sauce Reporter

An online masters degree in education with a concentrations in technology and adult continuing education is being offered beginning this semester.

Currently, three tracks are being offered within the online masters degree in education. They include training and technology, instructional design and media development and technology training and management.

According to Robert Gillan, professor for the college of education, a new track is in the works for education technology leadership. This would mean adding seven classes and preparing them for the Internet.

Nicholls State University and the University of Louisiana in Lafayette will be collaborating with NSU to accomplish this. They are also working to obtain online courses for a masters degree program themselves.

An institutional designer will work with each university developing the new courses and integrating them into the online curriculum. The designer will also review the course over time to make sure it meets the state requirements.

This new track is made possible by a grant received by Northwestern State University.

Developing the online program will create a "large influx of students," said Karen McFerrin, assistant professor of educational technology.

Students, who have moved due to military travel but finished an undergraduate degree at Northwestern, are taking advantage of the program. Some students are distance learning from as far away as Germany, Spain, Kosovo and Nicaragua.

SGA Minutes 1/22/01

I. Call to order- 7:05 p.m.
The prayer was led by Jennifer Whittington. The pledge was led by Jessica Cramer.

II. Roll Call

Present:
Leanna Anderson
Chante Bellard
Will Hooper
Wayne Bush
Vanessa Byrd
Buster Carlisle
Jonathon Chance
Greg Comeaux
Matthew Comeaux
Stacie Cosby
Jessica Cramer
Kimberly Dickerson
William Eilers
Dustin Floyd
Elizabeth Hughes
Shaun Jackson
Dustin Matthews
Tara Newman
Jeremiah Newsom
Ben Nihart
Justin Owen
Shelly Smith
Frank Toro
Glenn Ward
Jennifer Whittington
Rusty Broussard
David Gunn

Absent:
Craig Coutee-excused
Shymika Stephenson-excused
Brian Wilkinson-excused

Vanessa Byrd introduced the Graduate Assistants.
Bruce will be working with Academic Affairs
Luke will be working with Internal Affairs and STAT
Nakita will be working with Student Affairs
Aaron will be working with External Affairs
Kesha will be working with Fiscal Affairs
Ben Nihart and Dustin Matthews walked in.

III. Executive Reports
Vice President- Rusty Broussard- make sure you get your office hours done this week.
Breakfast with the President- SAB February 6, AKA February 20
Dave and I are leaving for Washington Wednesday.
President- David Gunn- Thank External Affairs (Glenn Ward) for doing a good job on promoting the Treasurer position opening. Many people in SGA and not in SGA have filled out applications. Encouraged SGA members to participate in the Unity March, run by the AAC, on February 19. Tomorrow afternoon my special committee addressing student concerns in the areas of parking and dorm life will meet for the first time at 4:00. Anyone can help. Rusty and I will be leaving for Washington DC Wednesday morning and returning Sunday evening. Appointment of one Senator-at-Large: Jeremy Malmay. Appointment of Vanessa as Co-chair of election committee and Shelly Smith and Matt Comeaux to the committee. STAT met this afternoon. I will be meeting with the University Facilities Management committee tomorrow morning, if anyone has anything for me to bring to that committee see me after tonight's meeting.

IV. Department Reports:
Academic Affairs-Jessica Cramer needs members for the evaluation committee.
Thanks to Jeremiah Newsom for taking over the Scantron giveaway
Set up meeting with Dr. Burns.
External Affairs- Glenn Ward
Radio show 9-12 noon on Tuesdays
Meetings are 4:00 on Thursdays
If you need his committee to advertise something, let him know
Fiscal Affairs- Rusty Broussard
Met last Friday and got through half of the fees.
Committee needs to meet with him after the meeting.
Organizational Grants- Matt Comeaux needs his committee to meet with him after the meeting.
Internal Affairs- Vanessa Byrd thanked everyone who showed up Friday to the Senator Workshop and especially thanked Shelly, Dustin Floyd and Jessica for their help.
Office hours need to be done. There are already some who have not completed them.
Working on patching holes in the By-laws and will elect the January Senator of the Month
Elizabeth Hughes is nominated for December Senator of the Month
Buster Carlisle is now head of the Class Council
Dustin Floyd is head of Legislation Review. He has already begun working on a letter to the administration to remind them of past legislation
Elizabeth Hughes is looking for Election Board members
Phone list is in folders
Student Affairs- Justin Owen thanked everyone who came to the meeting last week.
Jennifer Whittington is chair of Residential Life.
Shaun Jackson is Forum chair.
The microwaves are being placed in Varnado
Advisor's Report- Mr. Carl Henry wished David Gunn and Rusty Broussard good luck on their trip to Washington DC.
David Gunn explained the itinerary for their trip.

V. New Business
Jeremiah Newsom moved to approve Elizabeth Hughes as the December Senator of the Month.
Jessica Cramer seconded.
The motion passed. 23-0-1
Dustin Floyd moved to approve Vanessa as co-chair of Election Board and Shelley Smith and Matt Comeaux as members.
Justin Owen seconded.
The motion passed. 24-0-0
Jeremy Malmay spoke on his behalf to be appointed to the senate.
Dustin Floyd moved to approve Jeremy Malmay as a Senator-at-Large.
Shaun Jackson seconded.
Discussion followed. The motion passes. 24-0-0
David Gunn gave Jeremy Malmay the oath.

VI. Announcements
Mr. Henry thanked everyone for his or her blood donations last week. He also asked that the senate take advantage of the new Graduate Assistants who are here to work with them.
Jessica Cramer asked for the following people to join more committees: Ben Nihart, Frank Toro, Jennifer Whittington, Elizabeth Hughes, Shelley Smith, Leanna Anderson, Buster Carlisle, Craig Coutee, William Eilers, Will Hooper, Tara Newman, Kimberly Dickerson, Chante Bellard, Brian Wilkinson, and Dustin Matthews.

David Gunn encouraged the senate to win money from the SAB at the coffeehouse on Monday nights. David and Rusty won $190 dollars from them last week.
Rusty Broussard needs to meet with the Fiscal Affairs committee.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
The SGA offers free scantrons to students every Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 222 of the Student Union. You will need a student I.D. to take advantage. Also, the students may stop by the Book Swap Board to look for books they may need for a cheaper rate. The SGA also has 11 senator at large positions open. Those interested can come by room 222 of the Student Union to pick up an application and they can return it to the same place.

WESLEY WESTMINSTER FOUNDATION
Students can have lunch at the Wesley Westminister Foundation (between Magee's and The Ink Spot) on Tuesday from 11:30 until 1 p.m. The first visit is free and $1 each time thereafter. Worship services are held from 6:30-7:30 pm each Wednesday.

COLLEGE DEMOCRATS
College Democrats conduct informational meetings every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union.

STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE
Meetings are held every Wednesday at noon in room 224 of Russell Hall. All majors welcome.

CATHOLIC STUDENT ORGANIZATION
The CSO would like to invite all students to join the CSO for fun, fellowship, and a free meal every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church (located on Second Street). You do not have to be Catholic to join in on the fun; every student is welcome. There is also a student Mass held every Sunday at 9:30 p.m.

THE ARGUS
The Argus, the University's literary magazine, is accepting submissions for publication. Submissions may be fiction, non-fiction, poetry, art or screenwriting. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 1. First-, second-, and third-place winners will receive cash prizes for their efforts. Please send submissions to Argus@alpha.nsula.edu.

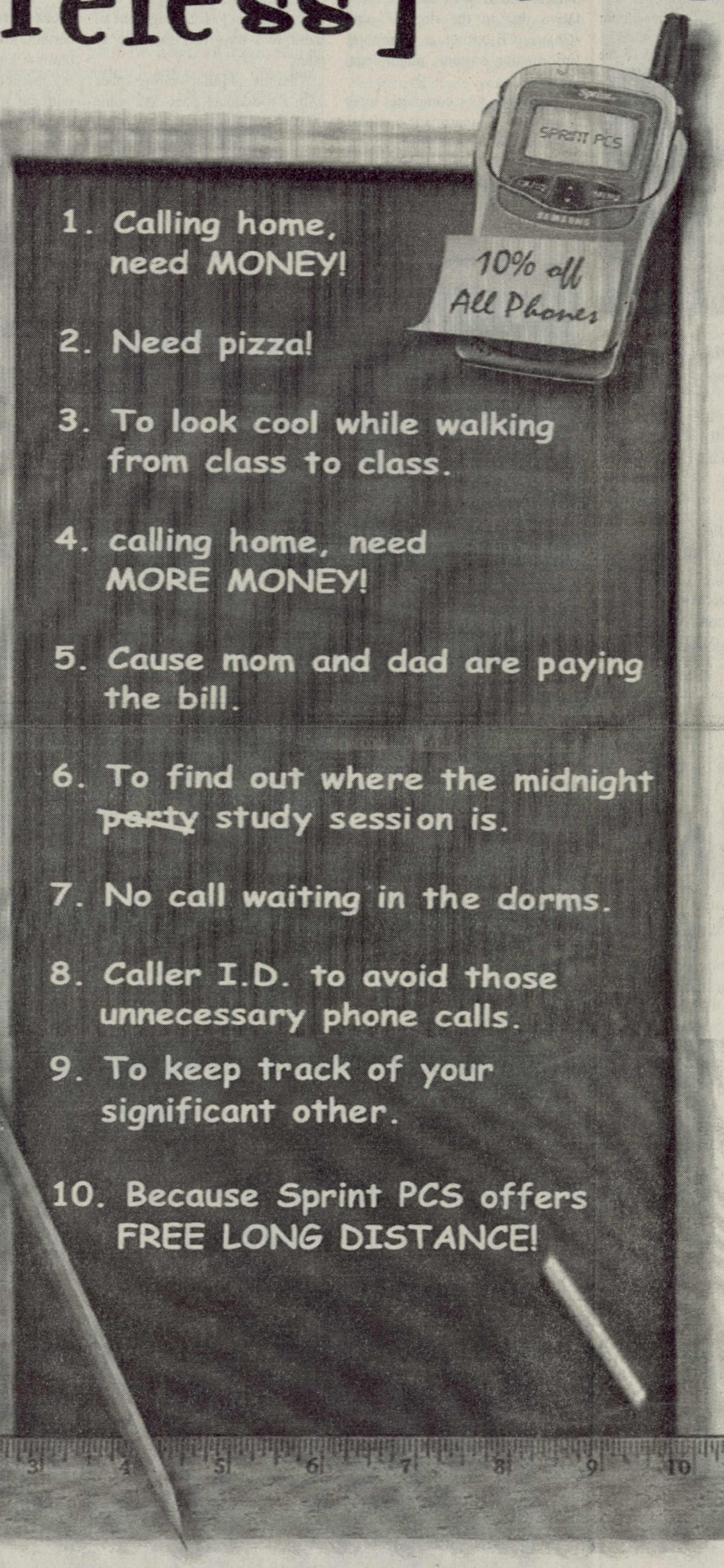
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CHI ALPHA
We would like to invite you to worship with us for "Thursday Night Live". Come see us in the Student Union Lounge today at 7 p.m. and bring a friend.

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University enrollment down from last spring semester

Enrollment for the spring semester at Northwestern State University is 8,593, according to Registrar Lillie Frazier Bell. Last spring's enrollment was 8,763.

The main factors in the slight enrollment decline were enforcement of financial aid requirements requiring students to make satisfactory academic progress toward a degree and the tightening of university fiscal policies affecting students who finished last semester without meeting financial obligations to the university.

"Our main purpose is to provide the best educational opportunities for our students, and one way to do that is promote tough academicstandards," said NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb.

"Our efforts to implement and enforce these standards are making Northwestern a stronger university that can meet the challenges of the future."

Webb said Northwestern is improving its student retention and had one of the largest commencement exercises in the university's history in December as 766 students earned degrees.

"Those are examples of the progress that NSU is making," he said.

Northwestern's academic programs are also gaining positive national attention, according to Webb. Thirty-one of 33 eligible academic programs have gained national accreditation. Webb says the university should achieve 100 percent accreditation of eligible programs this year.

In addition, Northwestern's president said efforts to create a "living/learning environment" on campus have helped improve student life. The university has worked to provide affordable, high-quality food service, to make technology accessible to students and to continually improve campus residence halls.

Enrollment on the Natchitoches campus is 5,522 students with 3,071 students taking classes at either Northwestern's branch campuses, off-campus sites or by electronic delivery.

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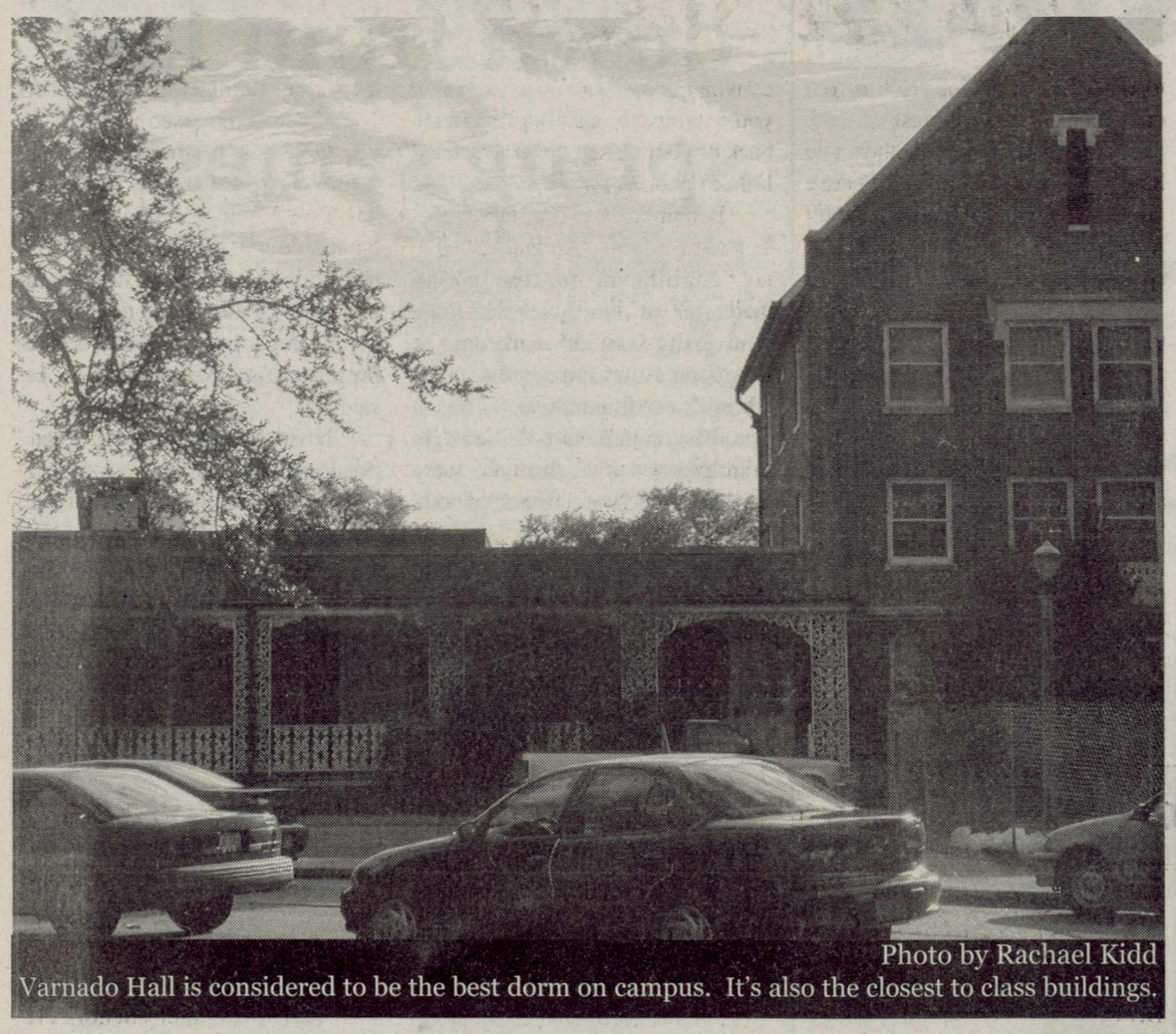


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Varnado Hall is considered to be the best dorm on campus. It's also the closest to class buildings.

Dorm Life: Benefit or Burden?

Josh Green
Life Reporter

One aspect of college many students experience is living in on-campus housing.

Students fill dormitories at the University and around the country each year, but many students differ in opinions about living on-campus or out of the dorms.

"I've got to have my own space, and I don't think I could have that in the dorms," said Chance Buxton, a computer information systems major from Starks, La.

Buxton, who commutes daily from a local apartment complex said he could not pass up the amenities of apartment life.

On the other hand, students like Avery Hines, a biology major from Lafayette, said the amenities of living on-campus are numerous.

"I like the fact that I don't have to get up and drive across town every morning," he said.

Emily Smith, an education major from Zachary, La., said this is the tragic flaw of living off-campus.

"One time I got caught by the same train at three different places," she said. "It seems like the tracks run through every street and can pass through one of them and trap you two blocks later,"

Hines said that sharing space with a roommate does take some adjusting, though.

"It's tough sometimes when roommates have conflicting schedules because you'll get woken up when your trying to sleep and things like that," he said.

Buxton said having his own room is a luxury that would be very hard to pass up.

"Having your own bedroom means that you can sleep when you want to, and that's very important after a long day in class," he said.

Buxton believes another benefit of living off-campus is more freedom.

"In the dorm, you have to check people in only between certain times on certain days, and that's a huge hassle," he said."If my parents want to come stay with me and my roommates, they don't have to sign any papers or anything like that. I feel that they're paying for the place and are entitled to stay where they want to," he said.

The desire for safety stands against every great and noble enterprise.
-Tacitus, Roman historian

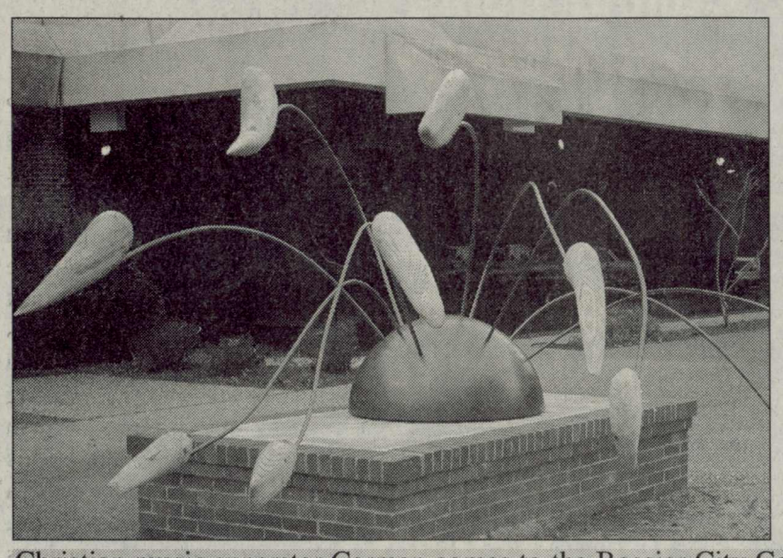
The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.
-Dr. Martin Luther King

The future belongs to those who see possibilities before they become obvious
-John Sculley, former CEO of Pepsi and Apple Computers

No man will make a great leader who wants to do it all himself or get all the credit for doing it.
-Andrew Carnegie

Top 10 films for week of February 1, 2001

1) The Wedding Planner
2) Save the Last Dance
3) Cast Away
4) Traffic
5) Sugar & Spice
6) Crouching Tiger...
7) Snatch
8) Finding Forrester
9) What Women Want
10) Miss Congeniality



This sculpture was produced by NSU "J.J." Johnson. The piece now sits outside of the Creative Arts department and represents objects that move through space. Johnson, who is an art major, produced it for a class project. It is made completely of steal and was powder coated before placement.

Christian music superstar Carman comes to the Bossier City Century-Tel Arena on his *Heart of a Champion* World Tour, Saturday, Feb. 17. Doors open early at 6pm, and the concert starts at 7pm. Reserve seats by calling Ticket master or get more information by visiting the *Heart of a Champion* website at www.carman.org

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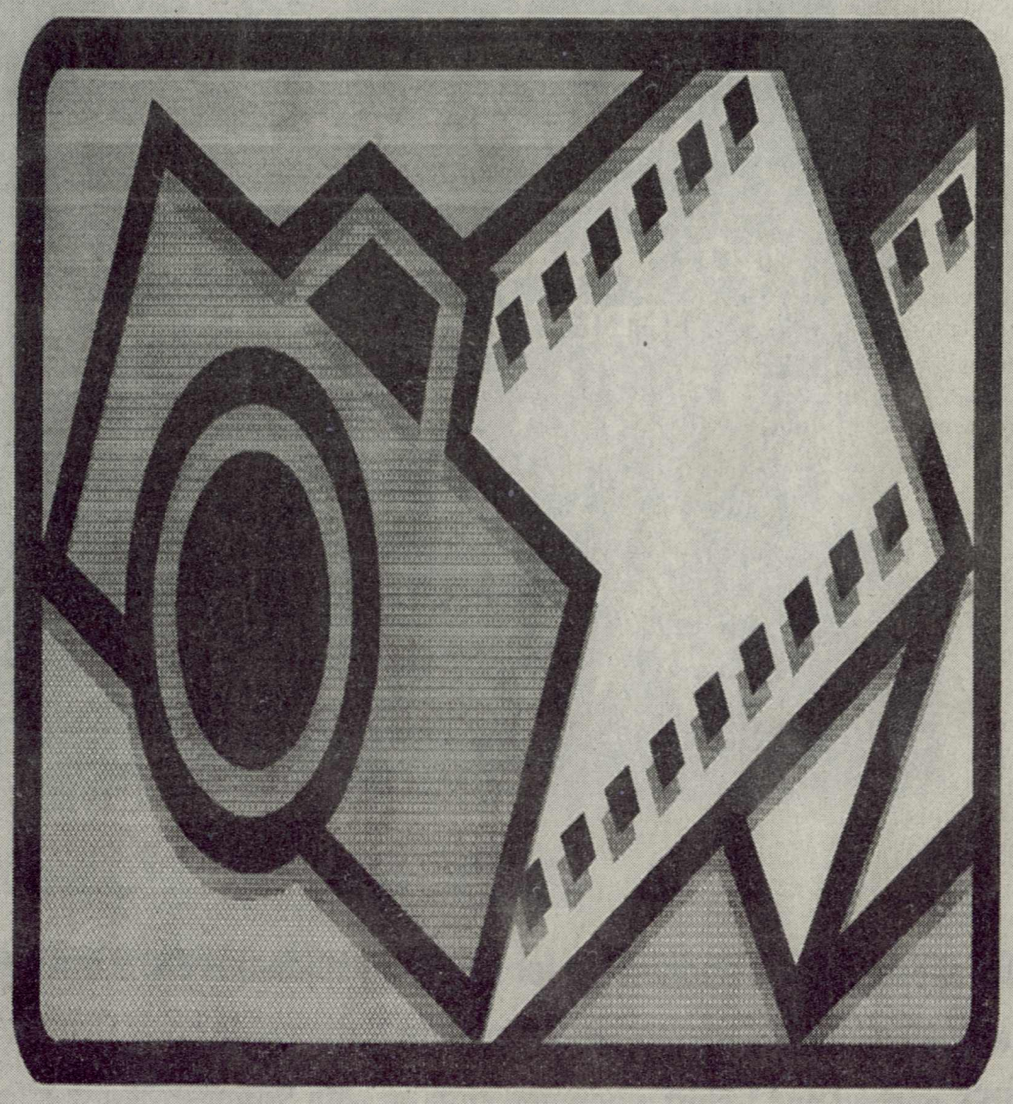
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Stress and Your Well-being

By Tara L. Gallien, M.Ed.
LIFE Wellness Columnist

PART 2: *Learn to cope with and identify your stressors*

What is the difference between coping with and managing stress?

People cope with stress in many different ways. For example, some people participate in activities that distract them. Others avoid stressful situations whenever possible or escape by engaging in behaviors that are risky. Still others may tackle their stressors head-on.

Distraction, avoidance and escape are coping mechanisms and short-term solutions to reducing stressful feelings. In many cases, coping skills can give a person a chance to temporarily deal with a problem until a long-term solution can be found. That's where managing stress comes into play.

Managing stress requires long-term strategies like changing behaviors that create stress.

Stress is often the result of having poor personal skills (e.g., poor time-management, poor decision making abilities, or low self-esteem). A healthy approach to managing stress includes learning and practicing good personal skills, learning to relax and learning to ask for help when you need it.

Positive Coping Skills

Be physically active. Remember, the body and mind work together. Take a hot bath or shower, or a cool one, in the summer. Take deep breaths when you feel anxious or tense. Write your thoughts and feelings down. Eat healthy foods. Junk foods negatively affect your immune system. Take a lunch break, and enjoy it. Eliminate or restrict caffeine in your diet. Enhance personal skills

Time Management Tips

Don't procrastinate; do it today! Establish a time schedule for your daily activities. Get up 15 minutes earlier in the morning. Make a list of what needs to be done today. Check things off as you complete them. Prepare for the morning the evening before.. Schedule a realistic day, no more than an 8-hour day.. Allow yourself time everyday for privacy, quiet and introspection. Make time to have fun!!

Make Decisions

Making decisions,, especially good ones, are essential for reducing stress in your life. Look at your list and identify which stressors result from either not making decisions or making bad decisions.

Be aware of the factors that influence your decisions, such as personal skills and experiences, social pressures, values and beliefs, information and resources and internal expectations. Identify the problem to be solved, the decision to be made or the goal to be reached. Gather information and important facts about the decision-making issue. List possible solutions without making a judgment about whether or not it will work. List positive and negative consequences of each solution. Choose the best solution, and try it. Evaluate your decision. If the decision didn't work, try another. Remember, what is learned by making one decision can be applied to future decisions.

Enhance Self-Esteem

Self-esteem is the way people think and feel about themselves; it reflects a person's perception about his or her characteristics and abilities. People with low self-esteem are not satisfied with themselves; they are not confident in their ability to complete tasks successfully (self-efficacy); they avoid new challenges, and they are often dissatisfied in relationships. Listed below are ways to enhance your self-esteem.

Recognize and accept your differences; develop a sense of uniqueness. Do something that will improve your appearance. Looking better can help you feel better. Eliminate negative self-talk (e.g., "I'm too fat, "I'm not smart") Keep a daily journal and write one positive thing about yourself everyday. Be around people who are friendly, nice, positive and funny. Say "No!" to things you know you don't have time or energy for. Take time to do something for yourself everyday. Set attainable goals.

Learn to Relax

Relaxation techniques can counteract the effects of chronic stress and can be used in stressful situations to help bring the body back to homeostasis.

The Relaxation Response is a method used to quiet the mind and body, for example. It centers around exhalation and allowing the body to relax while sitting or lying in a comfortable position.

Progressive Muscle Relaxation is a procedure in which muscles are systematically contracted and relaxed until a relaxed state is reached.

Image Visualization use of mental images to promote healing and to change behaviors.

Other techniques: Yoga, Diaphragmatic Breathing, Exercise & Meditation

Build a Support Network

A person's ability to manage stress is directly related to his or her level of emotional support. Asking for help from family and friends (even teachers) is an important step in managing your stress. So ask, and you shall receive.

I hope you find some of these techniques useful. There is so much more to say, though. .If you have any questions, or wish to know more, please email me at *tarag@nsula.edu.*

Tara Gallien currently works for the NSU Human and Health Performance department and is also an instructor for the college. She has an M.Ed. in Health Promotion and was previously a personal trainer.

You are Special

Alan Smithee
Guest Life Columnist

Has anyone told you how talented you are? You are a talented person with exceptional gifts that few others have, and because of this, you are special.

Everyone has a special ability to do something. You have something that sets you apart from everyone else. Maybe you draw or paint really well. Maybe you have a great writing ability. Maybe you have a superb memory. Maybe you excel with math, numbers and figures. Maybe you have the patience to teach special needs children. Or maybe you don't know what your gift is and are still trying to figure it out as you walk across campus from class to class.

Whatever it is, whether you have realized it yet or not, you are a talented person with a gift. Don't let anyone ever tell you you're not special because you are.

There are several of us trying to run from our gifts. Admit it, many of you reading this article know you can do something, but you feel it's not important. For instance, you have an excellent artistic ability, but say to yourself, "Nobody will like my art. They'll just make fun of something that I pour my heart into, and they'll make fun of me. Nobody wants to see my paintings. This talent is no good." And because you've been convinced your talent is no good, you put it in a box and store it in the back of your closet, never to see the light of another day.

Benjamin Franklin once wrote in *Poor Richard's Almanac*, "Hide not your talents. They for use were made. What's a sundial in the shade?" This poignant message is very clear. A sundial is most useful when it's out for everyone to see. It benefits everyone who looks at it. Your gifts and abilities are the same as a sundial. If you hide it, nobody benefits.

Stop and think for a moment about your talent. Maybe this talent won't make you the next CEO of Microsoft, but chances are it will help you tremendously somehow in the future. Think about the gifts you have been blessed with.

God has bestowed a special talent to each of us. It is a gift He has given you. He chose *you* to have this gift. Maybe you don't think it's such a big deal. Your artwork has only been on display in your parents house. But God does not give us accidental gifts. He gives us these abilities so we can use them for the common good and benefit everyone around us. He didn't give it to us just so we could hide it and deny that we even have it. He has chosen you to have that special talent because He knows how much good you can do with it. You are a talented person, and don't let anyone else tell you differently.

Demon Life and *News 22* make a few production changes

Kassi Graves
Life Reporter

Demon Life & News22 Demon Life will once again change its name before airing this semester.

When the show started out as *NSU Today*, it had only one host, Shelly Briery. Last semester, the show's name was changed to *Demon Life,* and Briery was joined by Tim Long as host and producer. Josh Green, a co-host for this semester, said they put a magazine approach to the show, and it unfortunately did not do as well as hoped.

"Everything about the show, *Demon Life*, will be changed this semester." says Green.

Not only will the name once again change this semester, but Shelley Briery will be joined by two other co-hosts in addition to Josh Green.

Bo Wellburn and Dana Drewery will be teamed with the expertise Green has cultivated with his work on News 22 and the other media venues Northwestern offers.

Although the new name for the show is still untitled as of this article, each member of the show promises to give students what they want.

The topic of the first show will be Jennifer McCallister and her publicized medical condition that rallied students to donate blood last week for her Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (TTP), a condition which requires seven units of plasma a day.

Briery traveled to Shreveport to interview McCallister and her mother, where they also visited the plasma lab.

Greene said he hopes that by discussing McCallister's medical problem, more people will be persuaded to donate blood and do anything possible to help.

As for *News 22*, the air date has been delayed because of equipment difficulty. Director David Antilley said the video switcher has been shipped to Canada to be repaired. Antilley said the video switcher is the "heart" of getting a show on the air. Antilley said he hopes to have two practice runs by the first or second week in Feb. at the latest for the students who are anchoring and producing for the broadcast.

This spring's anchors are Micheal Addison, Trisha Cormeier, Crystal Whitman and Mindy Mixon. Sports anchors are Jennifer Sittnick and Bryan Duvall. The weather anchors are Clint Gibson and Stephanie Danby with Randall S. Frederick as an alternate.

Antilley said Northwestern did very well at the Southeast Journalism Conference last year, where the college garnered several awards. NSU won first place for Best Newscast, second place for Best News Story, second place for Best Commercial and Honorable mention for Best Newscast.

Demon Life will air Tuesday through Friday at 4and 7p.m. *News 22* airs live on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:30 p.m, but a taping of the broadcast is aired again at 5 and 6:30 p.m.

Jazz Legend to come to NSU

Northwestern is proud to announce that jazz legend Maynard Ferguson will be on campus for a special concert. The concert will be at 7:30 p.m. in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium. Ferguson will perform with his Big Bop Noveau Band, accompanied by the NSU Jazz Orchestra. General admission tickets are $10. NSU students are admitted free.

Ferguson's performance will be the finale of Trumpet Extravaganza II which will also include a recital by alumnus Ray Vasquez on Feb. 4 and a concert featuring alumnus Mike Williams on Feb. 5. Williams is the first trumpet for the Count Basie Orchestra.

Ferguson and his group draw on bebop, straight ahead jazz, funk, swing, classical and contemporary music to create a fresh sound within the classic big band form.

His talents take Ferguson far beyond the label of "trumpet player" as he is an accomplished instrument designer, record producer, educator/clinician, composer, symphonic guest artist and soundtrack artist.

Ferguson is a three-time Grammy nominee and a consistent winner in the Down Beat and Playboy Jazz Poll.

Ferguson maintains a busy schedule touring nine months a year with performances at festivals, concert halls, jazz clubs and universities around the globe. Most of the year is spent touring with his Big Bop Nouveau Band, arguably the premier jazz big band on the road today.

The recording of "Gonna Fly Now" from Rocky catapulted Ferguson onto the pop charts with a top 10 single, a gold album and one of his three Grammy nominations in 1978.

From the earliest days, Ferguson's bands have bred solo artists and his alumni list reads like a Who's Who in jazz. Among those who have played in his bands are Chick Corea, Bob James, Bill Chase, Chuck Mangione, Slide Hampton, Don Ellis and more.

The last time Ferguson played at Northwestern was in 1973, right before he flew to Taiwan to finish a global tour. Northwestern in the only college in Louisiana to hold a Ferguson concert in the last several years.

Louisiana Native Becomes Famous After Inauguration

Associated Press

The world may not yet know the name yet her, but it soon will. Tiffany Ameen, the 17-year-old who sang "Amazing Grace" at the opening ceremonies of President George W. Bush's inauguration, was contacted by music-industry representatives ``pretty much immediately'' after her performance," said her father, Tom Ameen.

Tiffany has yet to receive a firm offer from the record companies knocking at her door, but ``we have talked to several people'' says her father, declining to give details about his daughter's future in show business.

It came as no surprise that Tiffany, a high-school senior in Kenner, La., would attract attention.

``My daughter is extremely talented, she's been involved in three national contests and won all three,'' he said. ``We had been preparing for this as a career for her.''

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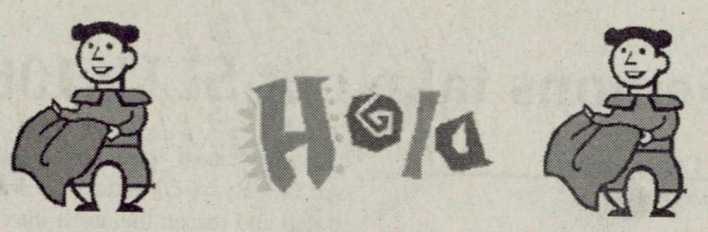
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For more information contact Spanish Club President Kathleen Estime' at 352-6969.

Please lend a helping hand to those in need.

Sports

Team safety questions arise after OSU tragedy

By Mindy Mixon
Sauce Reporter

In light of the Oklahoma plane crash that left two basketball players and six staffers dead, no changes will occur at NSU. According to Athletic Director Greg Burke, the changes happened three years ago.

"We made a conscious decision years ago to improve the way we travel," cited Burke. "And I truly feel that we travel in a very responsible fashion."

All ten people were killed last Saturday when a chartered plane crashed 40 miles east of Denver while flying home from Colorado during a snowstorm. Just to emphasize how close to home this incident hit, NSU Sports Information Director Doug Ireland knew the Sports Information employee Will Hancock, who died in the crash.

"It's things like this that make you reexamine how you do things and your first concern is for the people that you haven't known. Will was an acquaintance of mine and had just had a baby in December," Ireland said.

NSU spends approximately thirty to forty thousand dollars a year transporting athletes by charter bus instead of vans.

"We've come a long way," claimed Burke. "This has not happened overnight, instead it's been a 3-4 year process."

One stipulation that NSU stands by when they bid out contracts for buses is that the bus itself cannot be older than five years.

"Age can be a good indicator of a safe vehicle," declared Burke.

The tennis team and track and field team still use the van's for travel because of various reasons: the tennis team only consists of six players and a coach, while the track team's staggered schedules make it difficult to take all the varying events to a meet at once.

"The track drivers are certified through a Defensive Driving Course that must be taken every two years to insure the safety of the athletes," said track coach Mike Heimerman

Assistant Coach Wendy Schuller added that it's "hard and dangerous on a coach to go through a stressful two-hour game and then have to drive back home with a van full of sleeping teammates."

So do they still worry? "Yes, I guess we all do a little bit," said Schuller. "But I feel safer with a professional and I feel better in a large bus; if we do hit something, we'd probably win the battle."

While it doesn't happen often, some conference games are cancelled due to weather.

Ireland made the comment, "We all try to make the best decisions we can, but unfortunately, sometimes you get caught up in the numbers game."

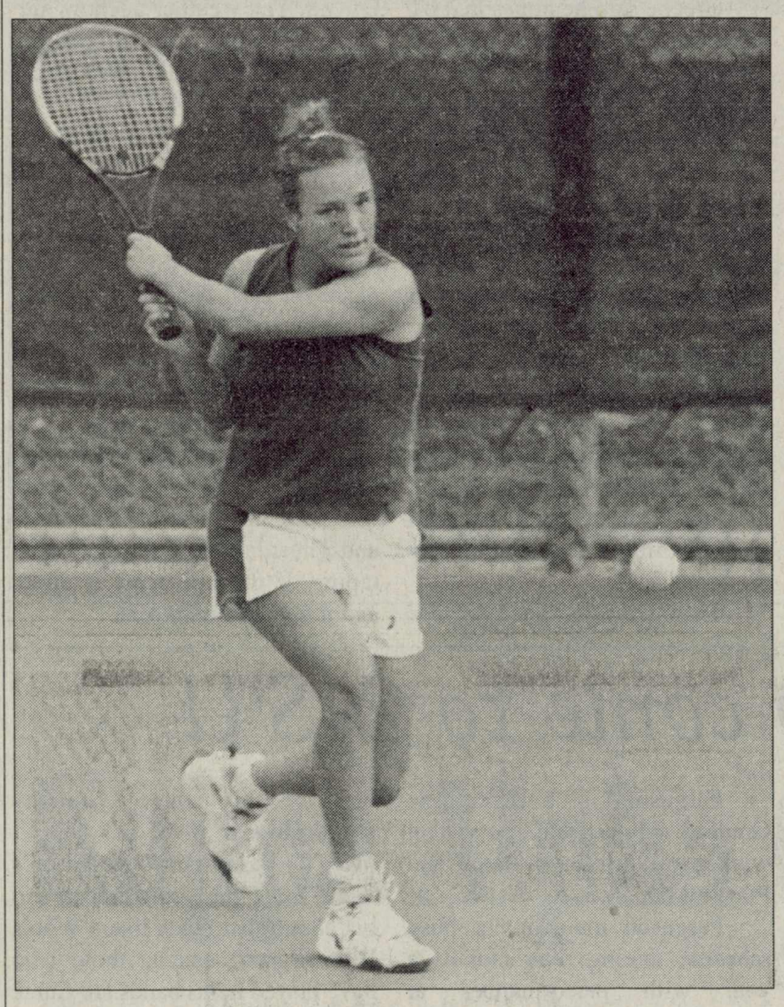


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The crash of a plane chartered by Oklahoma State last weekend sent shockwaves throughout the country. NSU officials say they have taken steps to ensure the safety of the student-athletes here.

2001 Demon Tennis

Service with a smile



Gary Hardamon/NSU Press

Senior Brandi LaSuzzo will lead the Demon Tennis team into action when they open the season against the University of Texas tomorrow.

By Kris Collinsworth
Sauce Reporter

According to head coach Willie Paz, experience will be a factor for the 2001 tennis team when they face the University of Texas Saturday.

"We have three seniors with three years of experience," Paz said. "They have a lot of strength that should help with dual matches."

The three seniors—Brandi Matthews, Brandee LaSuzzo, and Natalie Unger—will make up the No. 2, 4 and 5 seed.

Matthews won 7-8 matches all as the No. 2 seed, including a one of two victory against Texas-Arlington, who went to the NCAA Tournament. As a doubles partner, Matthews posted a 4-8 record winning all four matches with sophomore Katy Wallace.

LaSuzzo ended the 2000 season winning 3-11 matches all at the No. 6 spot taking matches from Centenary, in-state rival Louisiana-Monroe and Nicholls State. LaSuzzo combined with Jelena Lukic in doubles play winning 3-8 matches.

Unger won 6-10 matches, including 5-7 from the No.4 seed. As partner with Kathryn Olsen, the team won 8-5 dual matches.

Adding depth to the lineup, Wallace will draw the No. 3 seed. Wallace ended 2000 season 3-9 as the No. 3 seed.

Adding to the strength, freshman Eliza Young will take the no. 1 seed on the team.

The University of Texas ended the year with a 25-6 record. The Longhorns enter the 2001 season ranked sixth nationally in dual matches.

Leading the Longhorns are seniors Janet Walker and Vladka Uhlirova. Walker, a 1999-2000 All-American and Big 12 Player of the Year, currently is ranked No. 25 nationally in collegiate singles by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

Uhlirova is the 1999-2000 Big 12 Newcomer of the Year and is ranked seventh nationally in doubles with Walker.

2001 Demon Tennis Schedule

Feb. 2 @	UT-Austin	3 p.m.	Mar. 11@	Lamar	2 p.m.
Feb. 10 @	UL- Lafayette	1 p.m.	**Mar. 17**	**SLU**	**2 p.m.**
Feb. 11@	New Orleans	Noon	**Mar. 18**	**Nicholls**	**9 a.m.**
Feb. 13	**Centenary**	**2 p.m.**	**Mar. 20**	**ULM**	**2:30 p.m.**
Feb. 17@	S. Mississippi	9 a.m.	Mar. 24@	McNeese	10 a.m.
Feb. 17@	Mississippi Valley	2 p.m.	Mar. 25@	SFA	10 a.m.
Feb. 21	**Arkansas State**	**2 p.m**	Mar. 29@	Centenary	3 p.m
Feb. 23@	Arkansas- Little Rock	2 p.m.	**Mar. 31**	**UTA**	**10 a.m.**
Mar. 3@	UTSA	9 a.m.	**Apr. 1**	**SHSU**	**9 a.m**
Mar. 4@	Southwest Texas	9 a.m	Apr. 16	La. Tech	3 p.m

Current Sauce Super Bowl Contest

Okay, so the game sucked. At least you got to see a half-naked Brittney Spears.

Anyway, congratulations to Carlos Marino, whose 17-8 Ravens prediction was the closest to the 34-7 final score. Carlos wins free pizza courtesy of Pizza Hut.

Thanks to everyone who entered the contest. Be sure to read the *Current Sauce* for your chance to win.

Sowell and Canton shore up wins for NSU track

Freshman Stephanie Sowell swept the women's long jump and triple jump Saturday to highlight Northwestern State's participation in the LSU Purple Tiger indoor track and field meet.

NSU's other victory came in the women's high jump from sophomore Jacqueline Canton, who cleared 5-7 3/4. Teammate Christin Carter was fifth at 5-3 3/4.

Sowell won the long jump by more than a foot with her leap of 19-2. She took the triple jump by over two feet, soaring 39-6 1/2.

Other top finishes from Northwestern athletes were a third place in the men's mile run by Demon senior Hector Andujo, who ran a 4:19.67; and a 4-5-6 finish in the men's shot from Gene Tennison (50-2), Danny Allen (48-4) and Chris Jones (48-3 1/4).

Demons take out SLU; 10th consecutive win vs. Lions

By Cooda Dobin
Sauce Reporter

The Demon basketball team traveled to Hammond, La Monday night to take on the Southeastern Louisiana Lions at the University Center.

The Demons walked away claiming their 10th consecutive win over SLU and their 4th win in the last six southland conference games.

Forward Chris Thompson lead the way to the 71-63 victory by pulling down 9 rebounds and scoring 14 points including two crucial free throws late in the second half.

With 1:05 remaining in the game Thompson threw a perfect coast to coast pass to guard Michael Byars-Dawson who was fouled and turned the assist into a three-point play, making for 12 points of his own.

Freshman D'Or Fischer was also a key factor off the Demon bench snatching down nine boards and adding 12 points while junior transfer Chris Lynch added 11.

Starting point guard Josh Hancock got into early foul trouble making room at the point guard position for freshman Michael Edwards who stepped up to do a job well done and help the Demons rally for the win that put them 10-7 overall and 7-4 in the SLC tied with Nicholls State for third place in the standings.

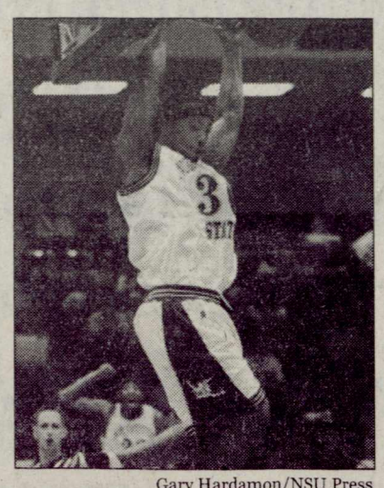
Leading the way for the Lions squad was Jason Singletary with 16 points and Harold Juluke with 12 points and 11 rebounds.

The Lions are now 7-13 overall and 4-7 in the SLC.

The Demons head coach Mike McConathy took a different approach to the SLC competition after fainting at Saturday's victory against University of Louisiana-Monroe. McConathy decided to let the assistants do most of the coaching while he sat back and quietly counseled the Demon bench.

The method proved to be very effective especially when there are three assistant coaches one of which with head coaching experience.

The Demons travel to Huntsville, Texas to take on the Sam Houston Bearkats in a double-header on Saturday.



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Micheal Byars-Dawson slams home two points

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From the Sports Editor

February 1, 2001



By Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

Quick Talking Points

- Shameless plug. Pick up either the Thursday or Friday edition of the *Alexandria Daily Town Talk*. There's a nice story about the ultra-talented *Current Sauce* writer (and marginal Lady Demon basketball player...KIDDING!) LaTerrica Dobin. I'm assuming the story will focus mainly on her writing skills and her desire to be remembered as a great sports writer. They might even talk about basketball, but I doubt it.

- I have to admit that Chris Thompson's facial on ULM center Wojeich Myrda was one of the funniest things I've seen all season. To tell you the truth, I felt sorry for the Myrda. I don't know if his teammates even let him ride the bus home after that game. I imagine the conversation went like this- " hey man, I know we lost badly, but what happened to you, that just wasn't even called for. You're not riding with me." He's probably still walking back to Monroe. Poor thing.

Main Course

I've been wanting to write about the Lady Demons for the past few weeks, I just haven't had the space. So this week, I made a promise to myself that no matter what happened, come hell or quadruple-double, I would dedicate this week's column to Lady Demon basketball.

And to be perfectly honest, I'm excited about the rest of the Lady Demon season. I know I'll hear it from some of my colleagues who consider me, at best, an Demon optimist and, at worst, a "homer." Some of these comparisons may be true. I do consider myself to be a glass-is-half-full person. But I don't think my optimism for the Lady Demons is superficial.

One reason why is because this year's version of the Lady Demons has something that previous versions have not had- intensity. This team is more aggressive, more physical and is less finesse than the previous teams. Over the last three or four years, the Lady Demons prided themselves on bombing 3-pointers. While that may work in conference play, usually teams who live by the three die by the three at the wrong time, tournament time.

One more thing is noticeably absent from the team this year: job security. Everyone on the team knows that just because they may start today doesn't mean they'll start tomorrow. So everyone plays as hard as they can in large part because of fear.

That may be one of the reasons why it seems that the players wants to win more. True, Kia Converse has been struggling but mark my words, she'll keep firing threes and, eventually, one will fall. And while her master's degree in sports administration will be nice, Kia came back to do something that Judy Clark, Louise Chase, or for that matter, any team besides the 1996 Southwest Texas team could do, beat SFA in the Tournament.

So imagine this. What if Converse hits 3-pointers, Newman and Swanigan bang in double-doubles, Angela Davidson stays healthy, Anna Means and Dobin get seven assists/game and Nikki Vernon scores one, maybe two baskets/game? And what if it all comes together in March?

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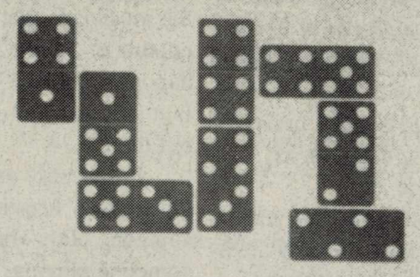
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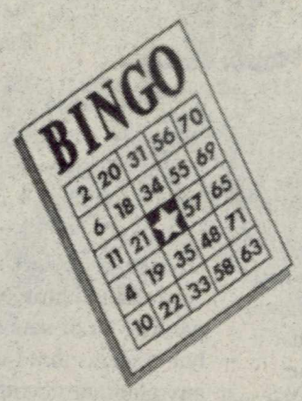


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Opinions

Stupid people who care, and the Instant Wisdom that saves them

by Tony Blanco

You have been such loyal readers. I love you. I love you so much that I will let you in on a little secret.

It should explain everything I have ever written and every stupid nonsense cartoon I have ever made. The secret is this; I like to cause trouble. I like to say and do things that will produce a reaction out of people that I can watch. I write stupid things. Other people choose to print and distribute these stupid things, and other people choose to read these stupid things. Then, the people who are even more stupid than the stupidest people choose to write angry responses to the things that I write.

I don't care. Well, I do care because when people get emotional about things that I do, these people are of entertainment value to me. They will then say and do stupid things, and I will laugh.

When I write for this newspaper, I am writing from the bottom of my heart. I believe everything I put into words. My thoughts might not be the same as yours. This makes me dangerous. If you don't agree with what I say, it is your duty to take these things I do personally. I am lying right now.

Nothing I say is truthful. I don't believe in anything. I am lying right now. By writing these words, I am suggesting that you the reader are stupid. This should make you angry. Because these words are in print, in a newspaper, in your hands, and in your head. They are powerful words that can hurt you.

> "You can read this and ask yourself this question, 'does he think I'm stupid?'"

I am lying right now. I am not telling the truth. I think that if you are a person, you are stupid. Does that make you angry? Should it? Shouldn't it?

You are stupid. You the reader are stupid. After having read that you have two options. First, you can believe me and get angry, or second, you can not care about what I think. You are stupid, so consequently I think you will care about what I say.

Caring about what I say is stupid. I am lying right now. You should care about what I say. It matters. I matter. I matter to you. I matter to you a lot. I am the most important person in your life.

I am lying right now. Next week I will write something that will be designed to make people angry, and I think that you are stupid enough to probably get angry. You will get angry even though right now I say that nothing I say matters, unless what I say is the most important thought in the world. If that is the case you should kill me. I am lying right now.

Get ready though, because I am trying to make this hard for me. Stupid people will be mad next week. Maybe. Am I making sense? Does it matter? Are you going to be entertained, if I don't die. Will you, the reader, believe me? Will you care? You shouldn't. I am lying.

> "Yes, I do."

You can read this and ask yourself this question, "does he think I'm stupid?" Yes I do. Maybe. I'll be watching. I'll be looking for it. Don't do anything stupid, cause I'm ready.

Eventually, it comes down to the basic human need for an answer to the question posed by Cedric Garret, "Who's Stupid?"

Next week: People get Angry

The Good, **the bad** and the ugly

This week: Georgia's new state flag

with Josh Beavers

The state of Georgia adopted a new state flag this week amid a swirl of controversy centered on one group's claim of racism and another's claim of preserving a long ago heritage. Georgia's previous flag had flown over the capitol in Augusta for decades. Seventy-five percent of the flag flaunted the old red, white and blue of the confederacy.

For years upon years, the confederate flag has been associated with the worst of America's emotions. It has been the center of different white supremist organizations across not only the south but the entire country and made a focal point in many hate related crimes and deaths. In the mid-90s, the flag was wrapped around the body of James Byrd, an African-American man from Jasper, TX, who was dragged behind a truck for a mile by a group of racist good ole' boys.

Various civil rights organizations have made a concentrated effort to eradicate the flag from ever waving over American skies in the future. The state of South Carolina was hit early, and now Georgia has followed suit.

In the opposing corner of the civil rights activists are southern purists. These people claim that while the flag is associated with many bad memories and fears, it's true purpose is as a symbol of an old-fashioned southern heritage. It is a symbol that is strong to a proud people, and they have fought to keep it.

But to their dismay, they have apparently lost this battle. The Georgia flag has been replaced, and the civil rights leaders have rejoiced.

I sympathize with anyone who wants to preserve their heritage and their culture, but reality must be faced. While everyone who enjoys flying the rebel flag is, I'm sure, not a racist, that cannot be said for the whole. There are too many bad emotions associated with this thin piece of cloth. Southern heritage cannot be justifiably used as an excuse any longer.

The north and the south are one country after all. This is not about state rights like so many will tell you. Its only about race.

So, if the flag is a part of the history of a long gone civilization, then do with it what every piece of history is done with - put it in a museum.

The old south is gone, friends. Deal with it and move on. Trust me, you will be much happier.

Josh Beavers,
Editor

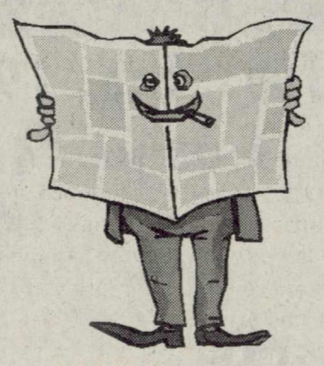
A little commentary

by Mary Freeman

You all have been fortunate enough to have not heard from me much in the past. Consider yourselves lucky. Today I wish to discuss a few matters that have very little to do with anything, but they mean something to me.

First, please don't kill Tony. Seriously you guys, please don't. He is necessary and vital to my page and I would be hard pressed to find another writer with as much talent, style and consistency as him. Really you guys, don't kill him. You will find that there will be more commentary from me in an effort to fill up space. Now we don't want that,do we?

Perhaps, an explanation is in order for why I chose him to write for my page. Tony has an ability to take matters that seem to be important and show them in a new light which puts them into a proper perspective. In my opinion, this is one of the best aspects of his writing. Tony, besides being a good writer, writes in a manner that almost guarantees that more and more people will read *The Sauce* and my page. Please note that it is not the primary goal of the staff to increase readership, but to put out a solid paper that is both interesting and informative. But, let's face it, what is the purpose of putting out a paper if no one reads it.



I have had many people complement me on the page and the content. Believe it or not, this is the page that many flip to first when reading. To those who support us, thank you, thank you, thank you.

This page is far from what I want the finished product to be, but I think that it has such a different feel which, I hope, represents a section of the University that is usually not seen or heard from in the paper.

Now that I have briefly defended my writer, I would like to write a little about something that has been floating around in my head for a while.

Has anyone besides me noticed the music has disappeared? What happened to the musicians that used to play outside of Sabine? What happened to the Guitar Society? Is it still around? Are you guys out there?

I miss how one could sit on the steps of Kyser and listen to someone play. There was always someone playing. What happened to these people? Have they all graduated? Did they find a better place?

I miss all the people with blue hair. I miss the Mandy Walker's and Shawna Atkins' of the art department that seemed to be everywhere a few years ago. I miss the Amanda Baron's of third south who would do crazy things just because. Basically, I miss the diversity that made NSU the place I wanted to be.

I know that Natchitoches has a tendency to suck out a person's soul and vomit it out in the parking lot of some cheap bar, but it seems that I could flip into any glamour magazine and find cutouts of the models walking around campus. What has happened to this place?

I miss the freaks. I miss those who were slightly different. I miss those who thumbed their noses at society and did what they pleased.

I know I sound like an idiot; I probably am. Maybe it's the weather that has me reminiscing about the past. Maybe it's because I am close to graduating and can't help looking back. Or maybe I have just decided to start a group to take back Northwestern.

Click, Click, Click.

The Box: Part IV

by Darcy Rain

The following is part two of the conclusion of an ongoing series of original work by a student at NSU.

I live in fear. My box is collapsing all around me, and the light, my only sense of security, is diminishing. It just seems hopeless. I will die in here.

It's funny, though, how hunger will keep your mind off just about anything. Here I am in a completely absurd, but life threatening, situation, and all I can think about is getting food into my stomach.

I haven't eaten since I've been inside my box, and who knows how long that's been? Hunger pains grumble through my stomach and are amplified by the walls of my box. The extremity of this hunger hits me with a severe feeling of nausea. I grab my stomach and sit on the floor.

As I sit, I take deep breaths to try to settle my stomach. Then, I hear another thud. This time I eagerly crawl to where the sound came from. The matches had been a pleasant surprise. What could this be?

I run my fingers along the floor until I find it. It feels like a tiny bottle of some kind. To find out, I carry it over to the light, or what's left of it anyway.

Yep, it's a bottle of small proportion with the word "drink" printed on the label. Great, am I in wonderland? What is this all about?

My stomach rumbles again, snapping me out of my confusion and never ending questioning. My stomach tells me I should drink. The label tells me I should drink. I drink.

Surprisingly, and to much relief, this tiny beverage eases my hunger. To a certain extent, I can now relax. I sit back next to the dim remnants of the once bright and beautiful light, and I think.

More of the same. I quickly get bored with my redundant line of questioning. It's pointless. Nothing is getting solved. Instead of wracking my weary brain, I just sit back and let my mind wander. I'm tired of fighting. If I am going to die in this box, I might as well sit back and accept my fate.

I've never been good at solving my own problems, so it doesn't really surprise me that I can't seem to get myself out of this one. Like I had said before, I'm quiet and I pretty much keep to myself. I never put up a fight. When something comes my way that causes me discomfort, I hide from it. I build a wall. It doesn't really solve anything, but it's like I'm protecting myself from "the outside".

I look at the dim light and back at the walls of my box with this new realization. I built these walls. I've just never seen them from this angle. I did this to myself. How did I not see this before?

I hold my hands over the light. It's my turn to offer warmth and security. I have to take care of the light. I have to take care of my soul. It has been trapped behind these walls...these walls that I've built. It is dying, and only I can save it.

As I give all of my attention, and all of my sensitivity to the light, it begins to brighten. It can feel that I am devoting all of my energy to its survival. The light grows and grows with illumination that I have never seen before. It swells with rich life and beauty, filling my box with its presence. With its increasing radiance, the light feeds off everything that I offer. I am feeding my soul that has been starved for so long.

The light expands, touching every wall of my box. It shines so brightly...so full of life and energy. It keeps growing, despite the hindrance of the walls. Then, it happens. The light, now so strong and healthy, pierces the box. The walls begin to crumble right before my eyes. Chunks of wood and paint fly around me, and the light keeps growing.

The light is within me. It is my soul. I no longer build walls to escape my problems. I know the dangers it causes. I look at my life a bit differently now. I am happier than I've ever been.

Dear Readers,

I know that I have said it once before, but really, ***don't kill Tony.*** I would like to take this time to remind everyone that it would be illegal and immoral to commit murder. If you have an immortal soul, it could be damned. Finally, Tony is a pretty swell guy. He would be missed. So, let's say it together, I will not kill Tony, I will not kill Tony, I will not kill Tony.

Thanks and all my love,
Mary A. Freeman--Opinions editor

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SGA jumping into "action" against problems

By Josh Beavers
Editor

The student affairs committee of Northwestern's Student Government Association has initiated a set of plans they hope will bring short term solutions to long term problems.

SGA President David Gunn and Student Affairs Committee Head Justin Owen have been leading the way on this project since earlier this year when a survey was conducted by the Louisiana Board of Regents.

This survey has been a guide for the SGA to address problems at the University.

The survey was conducted on all campuses in the University of Louisiana system and asked students what there main areas of concern were. Two of the top areas of concern in the survey were parking and housing.

"Using the statistical data provided in the survey we have compiled an action plan to solve these problems here," Gunn said.

The action plan is a two page document that gives an overview of housing and parking problems, strategy on how to fix them and possible handicaps associated with correcting the problems.

"These are all long term projects that we are starting now so that students can begin to benefit in the next few years," Gunn said.

The action plan for housing state, residence halls are unattractive to today's student in terms of living conditions, services provided and restrictions on residents. Items that could hinder the process are a lack of funding to maintain, renovate and update current residence halls.

As a first step Owen has begun a dorm walk program where members of the committee visit all residence halls and make note of possible problems in and around the dorms.

"I believe going to all the dorms and assessing all of the concerns is one of the most important things the SGA can do," he said. "When people live happier, they work happier and their school experience is happier and as a result students will enjoy Northwestern more."

To improve campus housing Gunn hopes to start four initiatives in motion that will become a reality no later than the spring of 2004. The action plan calls for a reduction in health hazards, maintaining of safety devices, modified visitation policies and perhaps the biggest move, seeking privatized management services.

If passed, this would allow a third party to come in and take over University housing like the way Aramark handles campus dining.

Gunn feels the positive aspects of this plan are abundant but there are still down points, such as the University having no control over room prices.

"You have to say are we going to take a risk and improve the current state of things or are we going to do nothing and let things continue as they are," he said. "I'm not from OSHA or the EPA but some of the things I have seen in dorm bathrooms on this campus are not exactly healthy. Things like this must be changed."

The action plan also has a strategy on dorm visitation . Gunn believes a new perspective needs to be taken on the existing policy.

"We need to go to more of an open visitation policy rather than the current one we have now," Gunn said. "Social attitude in the college environment in 2001 is a lot different than it was in 1960."

With such a wide sweeping

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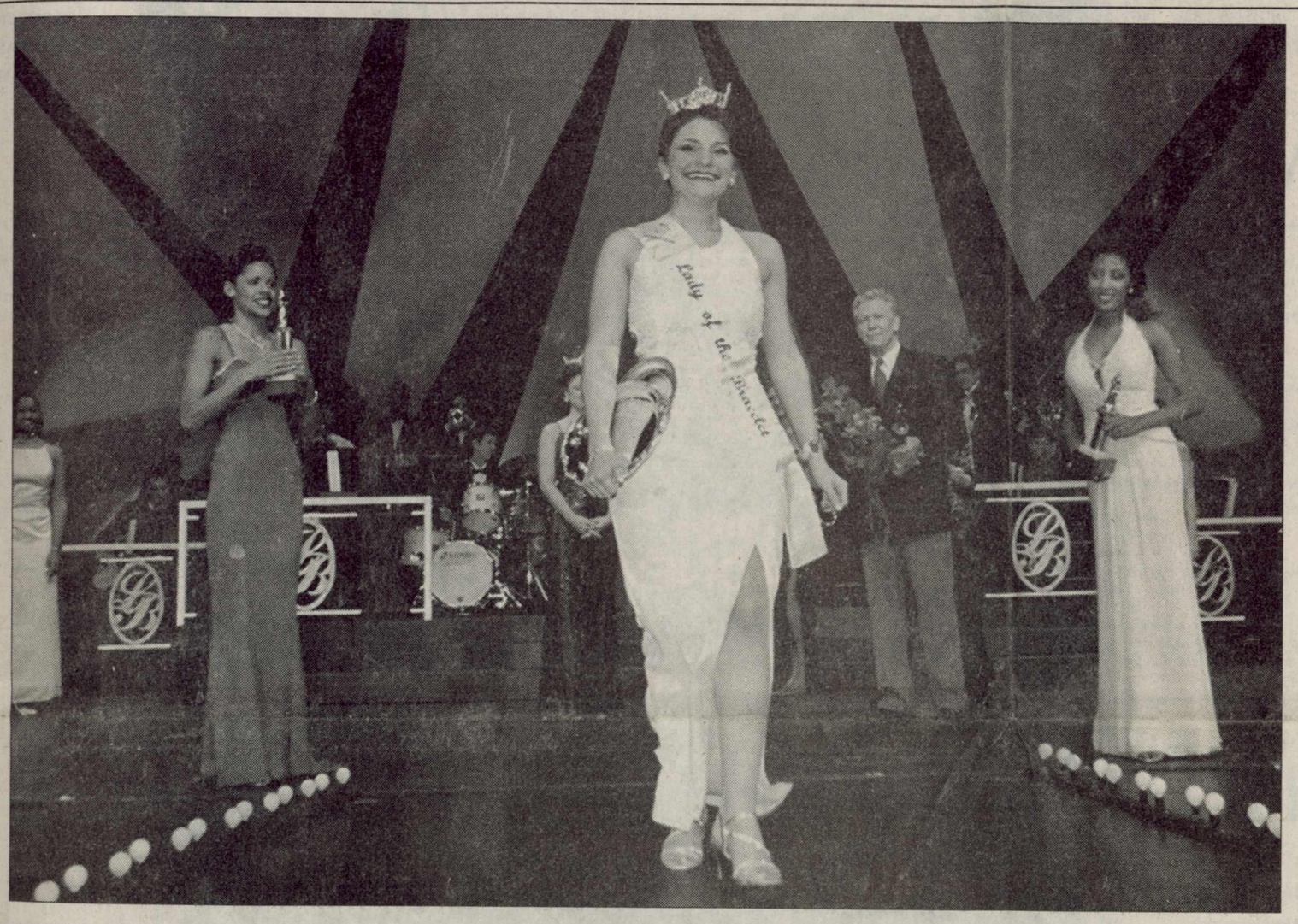


Photo by Gary Hardamon
The 2001 Lady of the Bracelet pageant winner Kristen Marie Holley walks down the runway as first runner-up, Amaris Davidson (left), University President Randall J. Webb (middle), and second runner-up Crystal Whitman (right) look on. Holley also won the preliminary event, talent and the Liz Carroll People's Choice Award.

Holley wins 42nd annual LOB pageant

By Mindy Mixon
Sauce Reporter

The 42nd annual Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet pageant took place Friday in the A. A. Fredericks Fine Arts Auditorium. Put on by the Student Activities Board, the distinguished hostess of the event was none other than Miss Louisiana Faith Jenkins.

The newly crowned Lady of the Bracelet is Kristen Marie Holley from Waskom, Texas; Holley also won the preliminary event talent and the Liz Carroll People's Choice Award. First runner-up Amaris Davidson from Leesville also took home Miss Congeniality and Swimsuit. Next, was second runner-up Crystal Whitman from Shreveport and third runner-up Rachael Morgan from Quitman who won the evening gown preliminary and fourth runner-up Shelli Briery from Vivian. The prize up for grabs is scholarship money including a free meal plan and books, plus the chance to compete in the Miss Louisiana pageant.

The five judges for the event came with years of experience in the beauty pageant industry. The judges were Ann Harmon of Karnack, Tx, Sharon Mock of LeCamp, Lue Charles Napper of Ruston, Joe Schelette of Shreveport and Elain Simmons of Lakeview.

Other contestants in the pageant were Alexis Mims, Stephanie Sperry and Sabrina Darbone.

Each contestant competed in three events: swimsuit, talent and evening gown.

Between each event, the audience was kept entertained by the Demon Dazzlers, Northwestern's Jazz Band or the Lady of the Bracelet Dancers. Sabrina Plaissance displayed her singing and acting talents twice during the pageant, much to the delight of the audience.

Holley commented that "the show was a first class show. The University was represented well in every department- theatre and Student Activities Board - it was a good show and everyone enjoyed it."

University family struggles to cope with child's illness

By Elona Boggs
Sauce Reporter



Foster

Nathan Foster plays a game of "Go Fish" with his mother, Sharon, at the kitchen table. His sister, Rachel, combs his hair as he eyes his cards for his next match.

"Does that hurt?" she asks.

Nathan does not respond, but his actions and indifference show that it does not.

Since last spring, 7-year-old Nathan has suffered the effects of an inoperable brain tumor. His condition, pontine glioma, has slowed his motor skills and movement considerably. He is now in a wheel chair and has recently lost the use of his left side.

However, Nathan's condition has not hindered his need to play. The Fosters have improvised to accommodate many things for Nathan, including playtime. A "card holder," rudely constructed of cardboard and Velcro, sits in front of Nathan. This enables Nathan to hold his own cards for the game.

Both of Nathan's parents, Sharon and Chris, work in the Creative and Performing Arts Department at Northwestern State University. Sharon teaches costuming, while Chris teaches lighting. On this particular night, Chris is working late and Sharon plays with her children while preparing dinner. Nathan's sister, Rachel, is 9 and his brother, Josh, is 15.

Both surround Nathan throughout the game. They help him from time to time, but for the most part, Nathan plays independently.

It was Easter of last year when the Fosters first noticed Nathan's symptoms.

"He started falling down and tripping," Sharon said. "He had been having trouble focusing his eye."

Sharon and Chris had planned on taking Nathan to the doctor the next day and found that morning that Nathan's symptoms had worsened.

"He couldn't walk and he was dizzy. We took him into the doctor, and they ordered a CAT scan," Sharon said.

Initially, doctors thought that Nathan had muscular dystrophy. The Fosters were referred to St. Frances Cabrini Hospital in Alexandria for further testing. When an MRI was performed, doctors found a tumor. After preliminary identification, Nathan was sent to St. Judes. The doctors there did not give him much time.

"April 27, 2000, they diagnosed him...when they did his original diagnosis, they said six

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Plaisance passes on LOB title

By Bess Renfrow
Sauce Reporter

Friday a new Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet was chosen and the signature gold bracelet was passed on. For Sabrina Plaisance, last years Miss Northwestern Lady of the bracelet, the exchange was one of conflicting emotions.

"Kristin deserves the title and I'm happy for her, but it's bittersweet," Plaisance said.

This is not the first time Plaisance has felt the emotions associated with passing on a title. Sabrina was Miss St. Mary Parish Junior Miss in 1995, Ms. St. Mary Parish 1996, and 1998.

"I've been competing in scholarship pageants since 1994, not only for the money, but because I enjoy entertaining," she said.

Plaisance was born in 1977 in Morgan City, Louisiana to Lynn and Edmond Plaisance. She chose Northwestern because of the theatre program.

"I traveled all over Louisiana looking at colleges and their theatre programs, and Northwestern's was the best," Plaisance said.

As Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet 2000, Sabrina competed in the Miss Louisiana Pageant and placed third.

"We were very proud and I, personally, thought that she did a fantastic job at the Miss Louisiana Pageant," said Susanna Deshotel, assistant director of student activities.

This November Sabrina added another notch to her pageant belt when she was crowned Miss Crescent City New Orleans. This title also allows her to compete once again for the coveted Miss Louisiana title in June.

Sabrina is a theatre major and a dance minor.

"She is just a well-rounded actress. She can sing, she can dance and she can act," Deshotel said.

Sabrina has performed such numbers as " I'm Afraid This Must Be Love" and "Someone to Watch Over Me" at competitions. She has also acted in several different plays here at Northwestern. In 1999 she was Portia in "Cinderella" and Fastrada in "Pippin". She also portrayed Florence in "The Odd Couple" in 2000.

On Feb. 20 and 21, Sabrina will be Laura in the Northwestern Theatre's production of Tennessee William's classic "The Glass Menagerie". Plaisance also spent a year and three months performing at Disneyworld and seven months at Tokyo Disney. While at Disneyworld and Tokyo Disney, Sabrina portrayed Alice from "Alice in Wonderland", Ariel from "The Little Mermaid", Snow White from Snow White and the Seven Dwarves and Wendy from "Peter Pan". She performed in parades and in shows.

Plaisance is set to graduate this May. In March she will audition for the Southeastern Theatre Conference in Jacksonville, Florida. She will have forty minutes of monologue and forty minutes of song.

"The one thing I would like everyone to know about Sabrina is her attitude-she has an amazing attitude, one of the best I've ever come in contact with," said Carl Henry, director of student activities.



Plaisance

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weeks perhaps," Sharon said, "We went to St. Judes to see if they could do radiation and give us more time."

It has been almost seven months since Nathan's prognosis, and the Fosters have had little success with treatments. Some treatments that Nathan has had include various types of chemotherapy and radiation therapy. He has also had a shunt, a device that takes fluid past the tumor and back down the spine. Despite the failure of treatments, the Fosters are focused on improving Nathan's quality of life.

Nathan is currently receiving an experimental chemotherapy treatment. It is administered at home each day for 21 days. After the 21 days, there are seven-day periods of no treatment. During this time, Nathan receives an MRI to access the status of his improvement.

"We are hoping that this will keep him reasonably healthy," Sharon said.

Nathan is taking hydosteriods, which causes a lot of swelling in his face and upper body. He also has a subcutaneous port implanted in his chest so doctors and nurses can draw blood.

"Normally, he is a pretty skinny kid, very athletic in baseball and soccer. He got to his orange belt in karate," Sharon said.

When possible, Nathan spends his days playing cards, video games and swimming. He likes swimming so much that he asked the Make-A-Wish Foundation for a swimming pool last summer. Shortly thereafter, the Make-A-Wish Foundation installed one in the Foster's backyard.

Recently, the Fosters have been trying to raise funds for St. Judes. The family participates in telethons for St. Judes and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Nathan's sister, Rachel, has had bake sales to help with this effort. A love fund has been established at Exchange Bank in Natchitoches to assist with medical expenses for Nathan. In addition, a fund has been established at the Northwestern State University's President's Office for Nathan.

"Even though we don't have any expenses from St. Judes, there are still hospital costs for anything we do in town," Sharon said.

Ultimately, the family's concern lies with raising awareness about brain tumors. According to Sharon, last year, there were only seven cases in the nation of pontine glioma. This year, already two children have been diagnosed with the disease.

Prior to Nathan's illness, he went to school at Weaver Elementary School in Natchitoches. He loved the school and still does. Even though he cannot attend each day or read due to the motor skills loss, he continues to complete assignments with the help of his mother.

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The SGA offers free scantrons to students every Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 222 of the Student Union. You will need a student I.D. to take advantage. Also, the students may stop by the Book Swap Board to look for books they may need for a cheaper rate. The SGA also has 11 senator at large positions open. Those interested can come by room 222 of the Student Union to pick up an application and they can return it to the same place. Organizational grants have been placed in the organization boxes next to room 214 of the Student Union. Extras are available in the SGA office.

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Students can have lunch at the Wesley Westminister Foundation (between Magee's and The Ink Spot) on Tuesday from 11:30 until 1 p.m. The first visit is free and $1 each time thereafter. Worship services are held from 6:30-7:30 pm each Wednesday.

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Meetings are held every Wednesday at noon in room 224 of Russell Hall. All majors welcome.

CATHOLIC STUDENT ORGANIZATION

The CSO would like to invite all students to join the CSO for fun, fellowship, and a free meal every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church (located on Second Street). You do not have to be Catholic to join in on the fun; every student is welcome. There is also a student Mass held every Sunday at 9:30 p.m. The CSO would also like to invite students to participate in events taking place in the month of Feb. These events include: Feb. 7- solemn vespers, Feb. 9- CSO Bowl Night, Feb. 14- Valentine's Day, celebrate the greatest love of all, Feb. 16- CSO Night at the Movies, Feb. 21- praise and worship with Eric Wagner, and more. For more information call Amy Dowden at 352-2615.

THE ARGUS

The Argus, the University's literary magazine, is accepting submissions for publication. Submissions may be fiction, non-fiction, poetry, art or screenwriting. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 1. First-, second-, and third-place winners will receive cash prizes for their efforts. Please send submissions to Argus@alpha.nsula.edu.

NSU CLUB SOCCER

NSU Club Soccer is open to anyone who wants to play soccer on a collegiate level. The NSU Club Soccer team meets everyday behind Watson Library from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information contact Cesar Isgitt at 354-6483.

BIBLE STUDY

There will be an interdenominational Bible Study held each Tuesday night at 8:45 p.m. in Room 100 of Morrison Hall.

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Native American Student Association will be meeting on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Thursdays at 6 p.m. All students are welcome to attend.

PHI MU FRATERNITY

Phi Mu Fraternity would like to remind all of its members: Thursday- wear Grub shirt, Sigma Nu exchange at 9:00 p.m. (bring glow stick or flashlight); Sunday- raffle ticket money due, Chapter Development at 8:00 p.m.; Monday- speaker at 7:00 p.m.; Tuesday- pizza party at the house at 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday- Valentine's Day; Thursday- mandatory speaker at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom, and Crush from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. at the Ryder Inn.

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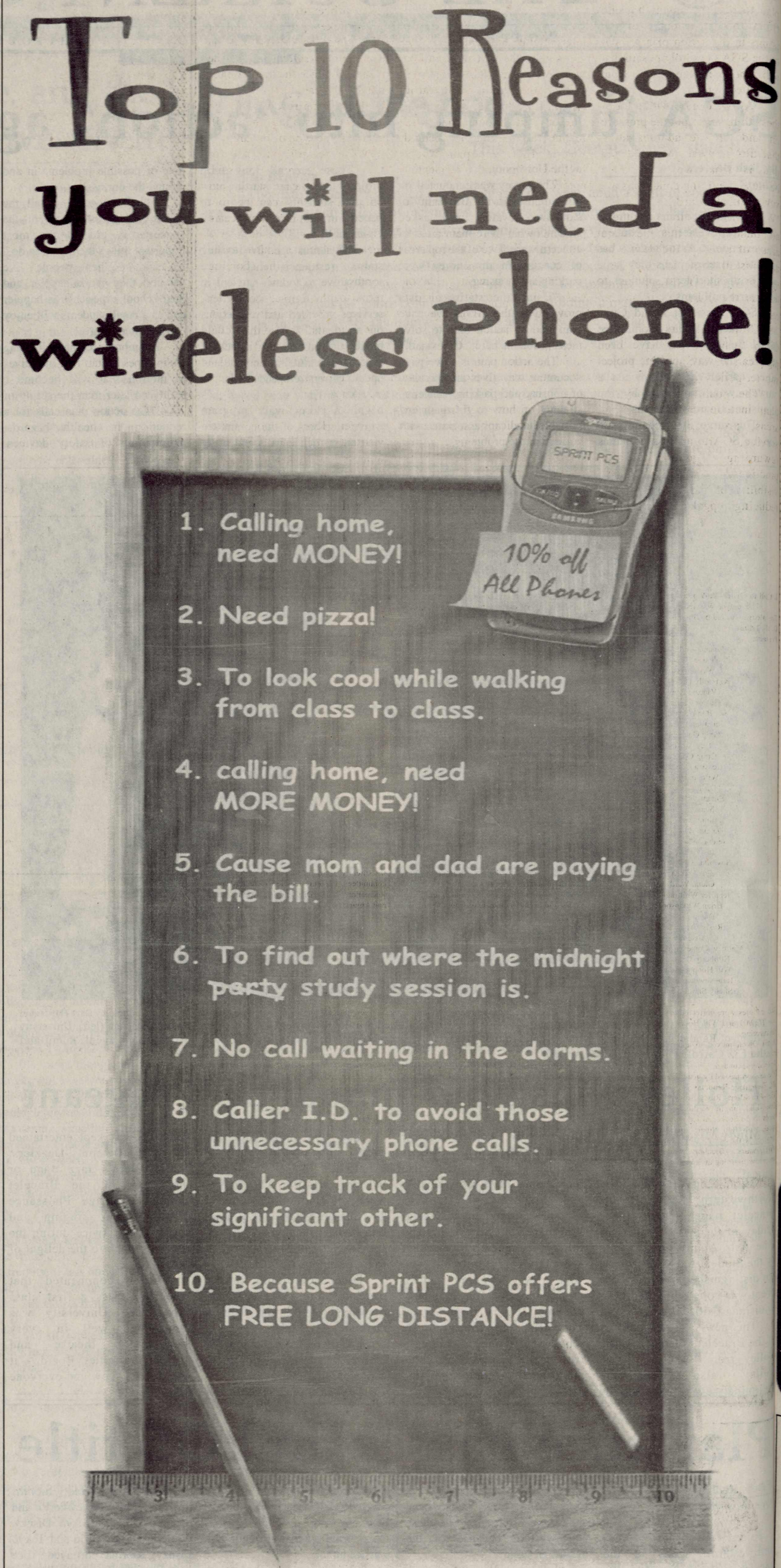
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Action Plan: Gunn hopes to have plans in place by fall

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plan to reform campus housing Gunn feels that many of the issues in the action plan are out of the SGA's control but said that will not keep the group from continued pursuit.

"All we can do with a lot of these things is to put the pressure on and tell the administration that this is what we need and this is what we want done because the living conditions are very substandard," he said. "What we have to show these administrators is that these are areas of priority. Before we go and install some kind of new system in a classroom we need to look at the living conditions on campus."

Unlike the housing plan Gunn feels the parking action plan can be accomplished in a shorter period of time.

The goals of the parking plan include rezoning parking areas, promoting the shuttle service, reinforcing and rewarding good parking practices, enhancing the visibility of parking signs and reducing peak hour class scheduling.

Gunn hopes all of these goals will be accomplished no later than the fall semester.

One of the first steps will be taken when the SGA submits a plan to the parking and traffic committee during a meeting Tuesday afternoon that will rezone the parking lot behind Caspari Hall. The plan would half the lot into both a residential and commuter zone.

Gunn believes this will be one way to ease some of the parking problems on campus and give students a new lot right in the middle of campus.

"The whole west side of Caspari is shut down and on any given day there will be 40 or 50 open spots there, but they are empty because it is a resident zone," Gunn said. "This is something we can pass now and have it ready to go in the summer and not one penny has been spent and one problem has made some progress towards being solved."

Another idea that Gunn will try to promote is a system of rewarding good parking. The idea will be for each University police officer to have up to 50 "good" tickets per month and for every time the officer sees an example of excellent parking he or she will place the ticket on the individual's car.

If a person receives enough of the tickets then they will receive some type of reward.

"The rewards are not for sure at the moment," he said. "Perhaps we can work out something with Aramark that will enable the person to receive a free meal for three days or a week. This will all have to be worked out in the coming months."

Also, the University shuttle service is a service that the SGA will be promoting heavily. In the plan the service would have a route of designated stops and a timetable for pickups, just like a real busing system.

Though the final route has not been decided upon, Gunn says that all the major spots on campus will have shuttle stops including Kyser Hall, Russell Hall, Prather Coliseum and all of the residence halls.



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Demons take 20 on national signing day

Demon head football coach Steve Roberts talks to reporters about his 2001 freshman class. National signing day for NCAA football was yesterday. Roberts was pleased with his 2001 signing class. NSU was able to sign 20 players. For a more in-depth look at the 2001 signing class, look in next week's edition of the *Current Sauce*.

SGA Minutes 2/5/01

I. Call to Order- 7:09 p.m.

The prayer was led by Jonathon Chance. The pledge was led by Shymika Stephenson.

II. Roll Call

Present:

Leanna Anderson
Chante Bellard
Wayne Bush
Kimberly Dickerson
Vanessa Byrd
Buster Carlisle
Ben Nihart
Jonathon Chance
Greg Comeaux
Stacie Cosby
Craig Coutee
Jessica Cramer
William Eilers
Dustin Floyd
Elizabeth Hughes
Shaun Jackson
Jeremy Malmay
Dustin Matthews
Jeremiah Newsom
Justin Owen
Shymika Stephenson
Frank Toro
Glenn Ward
Jennifer Whittington
Brian Wilkinson
David Gunn
Rusty Broussard

Absent:

Matthew Comeaux-excused
Kimberly Dickerson
Will Hooper-excused
Tara Newman-excused
Shelly Smith-excused

The minutes were corrected to state that the date was 1/29/01 and Will Hooper was excused from the meeting.
Justin Owen moved to approve the minutes as corrected.
Jeremiah seconded.
The motion passed by general consent.

III. Executive Reports

Vice-President- Rusty Broussard- He and David Gunn had fun in Washington D.C. Everyone needs to do his/her office hours, and he needs to speak with Ben Nihart after the meeting. He commends the senate for keeping up with their office hours. Breakfast with the President is tomorrow morning at 7:15 with SAB. He is still working on the Election Board.
President- David Gunn-We returned safely from Washington D.C.
DC trip: Luncheon with Commissioner of Higher Education Savoie went well, he outlined the Board of Regents master plan for the future of higher education in Louisiana. He spoke of some initiatives that the governor and legislature may be using to create additional revenues. Only Senator Landrieu and Representative Cooksey attended the luncheon. Not very good participation considering all nine congressmen were invited. Representative McCrery was not in attendance, in his stead we met with one of his top aides. I am somewhat disappointed that McCrery was not in attendance, as he has also failed to attend past events that NSU has invited him to. I am planning on contacting his office to invite the Congressman to take a tour of our university and discuss areas of student concern.
COSBP met on Saturday, We are preparing a new constitution and bylaws that will be in place for the next council, they are much more thorough than the ones that you can find in your manual. The COSBP executive board has been working very hard on getting this accomplished, and we are going to thoroughly discuss them at the next COSBP meeting.
Next COSBP meeting, March 3, and 4. Lafayette, we need to decide how many senators to bring so I can RSVP their president, who is hosting the event. I would suggest possibly 2 or 3 senators in addition to Rusty and myself. COSBP is requesting that all advisors attend this meeting, so that an advisors meeting can be held. This would bring the total to five or six. If we have time in new business tonight we can talk this over.
The Student Advisory Council met in DC, we decided to submit the board the policies and procedures memorandum that you find in your folder tonight. I will be submitting this policy to the Vice Presidents of Finance as well as the Board Finance committee at the February committee at the February board meeting. This is an item that the Student Advisory Council has been working on this year. If you have any questions about this, consult me after the meeting.
Lacie Jackson, Antoinetta Lewis, and Peyton Giddens are up for senator appointments tonight.
Cabinet meeting tomorrow, 4:00, student friendly practices and Tech Fees will be the topic of discussion.

IV. Department Reports

Academic Affairs- Jessica Cramer- Gave away lots of scantrons today. Thank you to Stacie Cosby and Jonathon Chance for helping out.
Meeting with Dr. Burns went well. The only problem with evaluation publication is the liability issue. What we're thinking about this is writing out our own survey with just a number scale and no commentary to avoid possible slander and defamation of character.
Scheduled a meeting with Dr. Seymour to appoint student representative to scholarship appeals.
Got the dates for Curriculum Review Committee, February 27, March 27, and April 24- need to meet with Stacie Cosby after meeting about that.
Stacie is working on some donations from educational and academic organizations for Distinguished Lecture Series. Also, possible collaboration between LSMSA, NSU, and Scholar's College for combined effort lecturer.
Putting a survey together for educational programming of possible classes to be offered for credit. Any suggestions should be left in my box.
External Affairs- Glenn Ward- Thanks to everyone who helped with the Radio Show.
Meet Your Senator Day is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Fiscal Affairs- Rusty Broussard- We are electing treasurer tonight. Met with Fee Review committee. The only fees left to review are the Recreation Center, Distinguished Lecture Series, and Argus.
Internal Affairs- Vanessa Byrd- We have selected Glenn Ward as the January Senator of the Month for his work on the Treasurer position and his overall work as a Senator. Attendance will be taken and recorded at all Department/Committee meetings. Make sure that you attend or submit an excuse to the appropriate person.
Dustin Floyd has sent out forms for LOAD to appropriate university administrators concerning legislation from last semester. Hopefully we will hear from those people soon.
Buster Carlisle is working on ideas for Class Council next semester.
I need to speak with Dustin Matthews after the meeting.
Add senator appointments to the Agenda.
Student Affairs- Justin Owens- Residential Life and Forum Committees are encouraged to attend his meetings at 3:00 on Mondays.
We went to East Caspari today. Met with Josh Beavers.
Went to Mr. Lindsey's office to discuss the use of West Caspari, but he was not there.
The area between Keyser and Fournet needs lights. It is very dark. Traffic Appeals meets next Monday at 2:00.
Traffic and Parking meets next Tuesday at 2:00.
Advisor's Report- Mr. Henry- The Student Union's roof is leaking.
SAB report- Kristen Holly won the Lady of the Bracelet pageant.

V. Old Business

Organizational Grant Money- met last Monday night.
Justin Owen read letter of guidelines from Matt Comeaux.
Dustin Floyd moved to approve $2500 for Organizational Grants and a maximum of $250 per organization.
Jessica Cramer seconded.
The motion passed. 22-0-1

VI. New Business

-Jeremiah Newsom moved to approve Glenn Ward as January Senator of the Month.
Dustin Floyd seconded.
The motion passed by general consent.
-Dustin Floyd moved to approve 5 senators and 1 advisor resulting in a total of 6 participants to attend COSBP.
Stacie Cosby seconded.
The motion passed by general consent.
-Vanessa Byrd and David Gunn explained how the Selection of the Interim Treasurer would go. The following questions were asked to all the candidates:
What do you plan to do with Fiscal Affairs?
What kind of Treasurer experiences do you have?
How long have you been involved with SGA?
Do you have enough time to hold this position?
How many hours are you taking this semester?
Will you spend your office hours in the assigned office area?
-Each of the candidates entered the room one at a time. Wayne Bush, Lily Kusljic, Heather McCardle, and Frank Toro each spoke on his/her own behalf, were asked the same questions by SGA members, and then escorted from the room.
Discussion followed.
Senators voted for one of the four candidates.
-Runoff between Wayne Bush and Heather McCardle.
Discussion followed.
Senators voted for one of the two runoff candidates.
-Rusty Broussard named Wayne Bush as the new Treasurer.
Buster Carlisle, Dustin Floyd, David Gunn, and Dustin Matthews left the meeting. All were excused.
Rusty Broussard gave Wayne Bush the oath.
Appointments of Lacie Jackson, Antoinetta Lewis, and Peyton Giddens.
Lacie Jackson spoke on her own behalf.
Antoinetta Lewis cannot join SGA because of a class conflict.
Peyton Giddens spoke on his own behalf.
Shaun Jackson moved to approve Lacie Jackson and Peyton Giddens.
Everybody seconded.
The motion passed. 18-0-0
Rusty Broussard gave Lacy Jackson and Peyton Giddens the oath.

VII. Announcements

Rusty Broussard needs Fiscal Affairs committee to meet after the meeting.
Greg Comeaux congratulated Wayne Bush, Lacie Jackson, and Peyton Giddens.
Mr. Henry thanked the Graduate Assistants, Nakita and Keisha, for coming to the meeting.
Meeting adjourned- 8:15 p.m.

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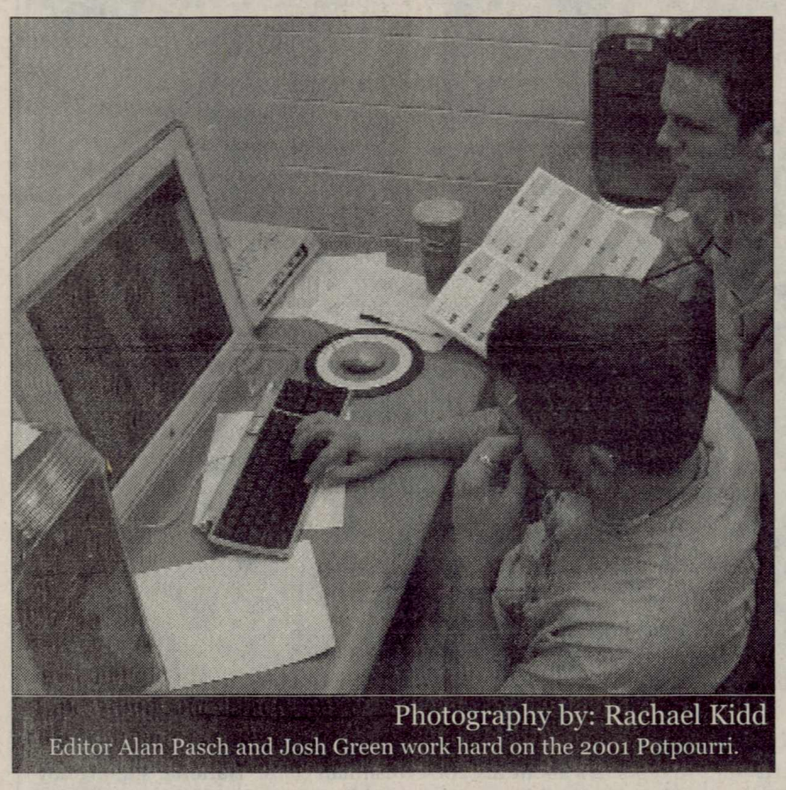
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LIFE: Entertainment



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Editor Alan Pasch and Josh Green work hard on the 2001 Potpourri.

NSU Potpourri finishes editing this week

By Josh Green
LIFE Reporter

The staff of the 2001 *Potpourri* has been working diligently to produce a yearbook that will satisfy the University student body.

"We've been planning ideas for this yearbook ever since Alan (Pasch) became editor-in-chief in April," said Gregory Gelpi,, associate editor of the 2001 *Potpourri*.

The 2001 *Potpourri* will be one of the first yearbooks in the nation to utilize what its editors are referring to as "a new format." Gelpi and Pasch said the project is secretive at the moment, but students should look forward to receiving a yearbook that will be one of the first in the state and even in the nation to use such a tool.

"This will pioneer Northwestern and will push other schools to undergo such a publication," said Gelpi.

This has made staff members "pumped up" about this year's publication and feel proud to be part of such a groundbreaking task.

"It feels good to know that a long year of hard work has come together and I'm very excited to see a high quality product that's almost finished," said Pasch.

Pasch and Gelpi said that their goals have been exceeded for this year's publication.

Taylor, the publisher of the University's 300+page yearbook allots five deadlines the staff of ten editors and numerous writers must fulfill.

"The deadlines vary...some of them are over 70 pages," said Gelpi.

Editors of the yearbook spend hours on each deadline.. Gelpi said one of the most detailed deadlines is the production of the individual pages.

"Each deadline presented each of its own challenges....the deadline with the individuals was the most frustrating," said Gelpi.

The individual section is one of the most complicated to produce by staff members each year because all names and pictures are supplied by an outside contractor that takes portraits at fee payments.

Another challenge for the yearbook staff is to supply the students with a more than interesting student life section. The 2001 *Potpourri* staff has tried to include as many different people and aspects of the University as possible.

"I try to imagine stories that every student will enjoy reading 20 or so years from now....stories that will help them to remember their days here at Northwestern," said Gelpi, "Every student pays for the book, so every student should be represented in the book."

This means that staff photographers and reporters have ventured out to communicate with the majority of its students.

Gelpi said many students in the past have forgotten to pick up their yearbook and hopes more students will pick up their copy this year.

"Students have already paid for their book, so there's no reason why they shouldn't pick it up," Gelpi said.

The *Potpourri* staffs work on the book ends this week, and its editors say students can expect it to be in their hands by early May.

Head Over Heels Falls Flat

By Mindy Mixon
Sauce Review

In the short span of one hour and twenty-six minutes, Freddie Prinze Jr. showed America just how little talent he has as an actor. Newcomer Monica Potter will most likely disappear from Hollywood never to be seen or heard from again, and I wouldn't blame her a bit. In fact, I would recommend it.

The movie opens with Amanda (Potter), an art restorer for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, attempting to find an apartment in Manhattan. Just minutes before, she walked in on her live-in boyfriend having sex with another woman. So with a heavy heart, she journeys onward and just happens to "bump into" Jim Watson. The initial meeting tenses up when the dog he's walking begins to...err "get friendly" with her leg (just one of the poor attempts by the writers to evoke some laughs). However, she comments later she still "felt weak in the knees when they looked at each other." It obviously doesn't take her long to get over Michael (her shacker).

Amanda moves in with four snotty supermodel roommates, who closely resemble the Spice Girls, and obviously have the job of providing the comic relief.. These beauties pull plenty of witless antics, and of course, they are the objects of every man's desire. The movie goes overboard when they portray men clamoring at each other's throats, even being placed on a waiting list, just to take out and spend money on these brainless fools.

After getting settled into her closet size, $500 a month bedroom, Amanda discovers that she has the perfect view of Jim's apartment from her window. She begins spying on him relentlessly.

They meet again at a party where Amanda graciously decides to put an end to the childish sixth grade romance antics and gather the nerve to ask him out to dinner. After turning her down, claiming he's too busy with work, he changes his mind, and the date is set.

Nothing can rain on Amanda's parade, except witnessing him brutally murder a blond with a bat in his apartment while she was watching him. The investigation begins.

Amanda, along with her brainiac roommates, begins to try and unearth any shred of evidence that will disprove what she saw with her own eyes, making it once again feasible for the two of them to live happily ever after. I'll spare you what follows from here, which consists of a few bits of bathroom humor and more terrible acting.

Eventually, the audience discovers that Watson works for the FBI, and the murder was simply a set-up designed to catch the bad guy. The bad guy, a Russian Mafia type, hoists diamonds into America by sewing them into dresses.

As for the end synopsis, the thief is caught, and the two lovebirds decide to give it one last shot with their relationship. Don't get mad because I told you the ending. Believe me when I say I only want to spare you the heartache of later realizing you actually paid good money to see a film this bad. The silly plot and childish story line compounded with the horrific acting turn this movie into a B-film bust.

New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival to be held April 27-May 6

Associated Press

Paul Simon, Fats Domino, Max Roach, Mystikal and The Dave Matthews Band are among the broad variety of musical acts scheduled for the 2001 New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival from Friday, April 27, through Sunday, May 6.

The festival includes the weekend series of all-day concerts running April 27-29 and May 3-6 at stages assembled throughout the infield of the Fair Grounds race track, as well as evening concerts at venues around the city.

It's Simon's Jazzfest debut. He'll play at the Fair Grounds on Friday May 4, then at the city's Municipal Auditorium on May 5.

"He's been coming to this festival for years, festival producer Quint Davis said. "He's wanted to perform. He wasn't due to tour until this summer. He made a special effort to do this."

The 2000 festival drew an estimated 514,000 participants when attendance at evening concerts was included.

Good weather and the draw of such popular acts as the Matthews band and rap star Mystikal could challenge previous attendance records at the Fair Grounds on May 5.

2001 marks the centennial of Louis Armstrong's birth and tributes will abound during Jazzfest. Some of the stars involved will be trumpeter Nicholas Payton, clarinetist Michael White, Arvell Shaw and Joe Muranyi with the Armstrong Alumni Allstars, the Carnegie Hall Jazz Orchestra with special guests Jon Faddis and Clark Terry and a New Orleans Trumpet Tribute starring Irvin Mayfield, Gregory Davis, Clyde Kerr, Marion Jordan and Trombone Shorty.

Art Show Exquisite

By Mindy Mixon
Sauce Reporter

The Orville Hanchey Gallery housed an art show last week put on by Northwestern's finest.

The variety of the exhibit was most impressive. There were watercolors by Professor of Art, Dr. Bill Bryant, oil paintings by Assistant Professor of Art, Clyde Downs, acrylic painting and watercolors by Instructor of Art,, Brooks DeFee, and photography by Associate Professor of Art, Michael Yankowski.

Yankowski's photography work proved exceptional, capturing truly special moments with his lens. All were done in black and white, and I found myself gazing into his "view of the world" with captivation.

One piece titled *Shadow Boxes* featured vast acres of cotton fields with twelve mailboxes on a country dirt road. One can almost feel the heat from the lazy summer day.

Another piece titled *Line Dance Chicken Jamboree* showed chickens looking different directions, and it's not a stretch to imagine them line dancing.

All of Down's work followed a pattern of serenity and peacefulness. *High Plains Variation #13, Viridian Horizons* somewhat resembled a Monet painting. It was simply a field, but the use of color transforms this field into a beautiful, private garden that would be perfect for a picnic.

Bryant's watercolors were magnificent. *First Snow at Lamy* was vibrant and bright. *Road to St. Elmo* looked magical, like something straight out of an Arabian dream. In all of Bryant's work, it's interesting to look at the Mexican style churches scattered throughout the pieces.

The only painting that didn't tickle my fancy was *High Road to Taos*. Its chaotic appearance of an erupting volcano and churches scattered about unsettled my tranquil mood. It was the total opposite of his previous works, and I preferred the placid settings of *St. Elmo* to the disordered mess of *Taos*.

Defee presented several pieces from his *Bikini Cycle* which found no favor with my taste. I may not truly appreciate this abstract form of art, but I found them slightly boring and definitely repetitive.

However, *Terminal Retinal Impression* was bold and beautiful. The size of the canvas caught your attention, not to mention the luxurious reds mixed with a minute amount of yellow. The high emotion and intensity was truly a sight to behold.

The show proved to be educational as well as entertaining.

Students at Northwestern would do themselves a great service to attend such cultural events whenever the opportunity should arise.

Northwestern Awaits Godot

By Missy Dupreast
LIFE Reporter

The NSU theater department is rigorously preparing for the upcoming production of *Waiting for Godot*, a play by Samuel Beckett.

This play has been labeled the "poster child" of the absurdist theater movement and proudly steers clear of the sensible. When it was first presented in Paris in 1953, *Waiting for Godot* successfully shocked its audiences, and Beckett, the king of absurdist theater, was praised.

Waiting for Godot does not make sense. It's not supposed to make sense. That's the point. Beckett chose to break the boundaries of traditional playwriting and open the eyes of audiences to a whole new style of theater—absurdity!

The plot is, are you ready? Waiting for Godot. That's it. The two main characters stand on an open road and wait. They just keep waiting and waiting, making efforts here and there to occupy their time until Godot arrives.

This play has often been called plotless, but *Waiting for Godot* is surely "a play in which nothing happens twice."

Scott Burrell, the director of *Godot*, feels the performance of this play is very important in the educational setting, not only for the actors but for the audience as well.

"*Waiting for Godot* marked a turning point in the history of theater and should be recognized for its magnificence." says Burrell.

Waiting for Godot is not a play you would normally see at public venues, so Burrell jumped on the chance to put this play onto the stage.

Those who are familiar with the play have been spreading their enthusiasm, encouraging students to attend.

The English department and the existentialism class at the Scholar's College recognize the play's impact on their areas of study and are very excited about its performance.

Burrell is trying something new with this performance. Saturday, Feb. 17, will be a *Waiting for Godot* marathon, to heighten the absurdity. The play is to be performed back to back for twelve hours straight starting at 9:00 a.m., the last show beginning at 8:15 p.m.

To add to the absurdity, Burrell has two separate casts. The actors will switch up throughout the day, having never worked with each other before.

One cast will be all males: Josh A. Laird, Jonathan Steele, John Chamber, Joshua Powell and Kerry Lambert.

The other cast will be all females: Katie Guell, Amie Clarke, Missy Rowe-Bizzell, Darcy Malone and Heather Wynne.

There will be previews of *Waiting for Godot* Feb. 15th and 16th in the Orville-Hanchey Gallery of the Creative and Performing Arts building,, and the marathon will be Saturday the 17th. General admission is five dollars, but students get in free with their student I.D.s. Since space in the gallery is limited, you must make reservations to attend.

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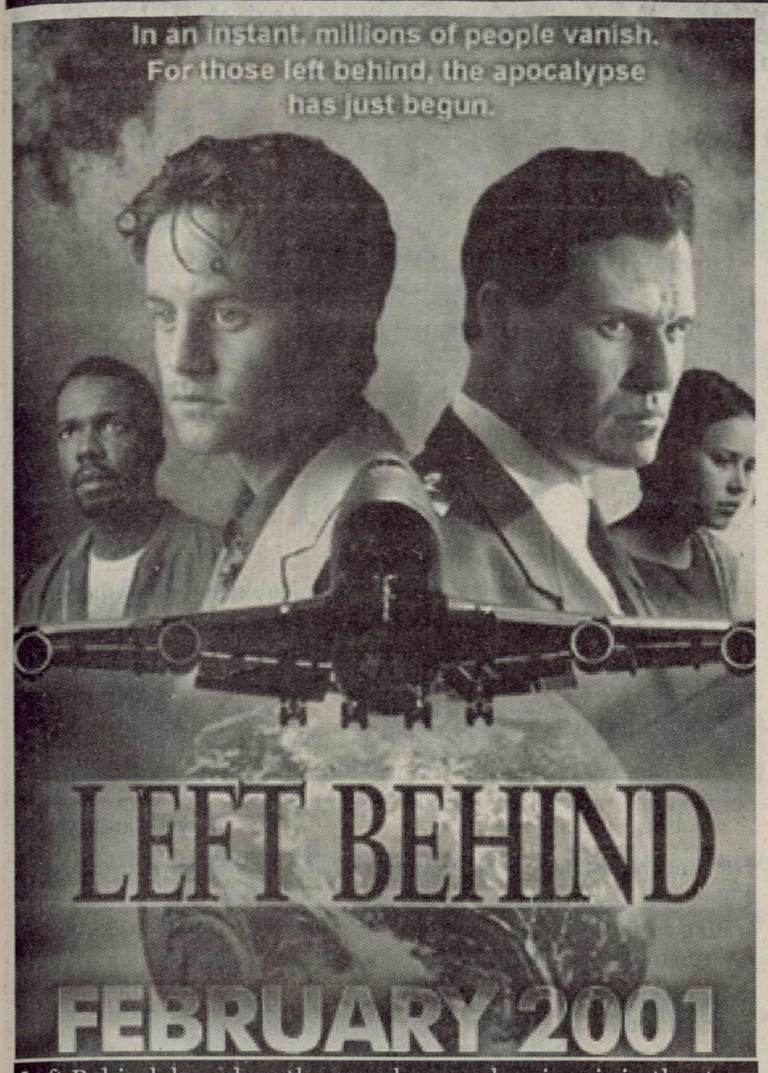
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LIFE: Features



Left Behind, based on the popular novel series, is in theatres now. It has not yet been decided if further movie adaptations of the popular book series will follow.

Top 10 Films for week of February 8th, 2001

1) *The Wedding Planner*
2) *Valentine*
3) *Cast Away*
4) *Save the Last Dance*
5) *Crouching Tiger...*
6) *Traffic*
7) *Head Over Heels*
8) *What Women Want*
9) *Finding Forrester*
10) *Left Behind*

Have confidence that if you have done a little thing well, you can do a bigger thing well too.
-David Malcolm Storey

I have been all things unholy. If God can work through me, He can work through anyone.
-Saint Francis of Assisi

Christian Film Phenomenon

Associated Press

When the makers of the new movie *Left Behind* wanted to generate some advance word-of-mouth, they sent a video copy to the youth group at Tulsa's First Presbyterian Church.

About 30 teen-agers gathered around a television set to watch the story of a reporter who uncovers a conspiracy that gives rise to the Antichrist.

They mostly liked it. "I've seen Christian movies and a lot of them are low-budget. But this one you can compare with other movies," said 16-year-old Cal Findeiss.

Starring Kirk Cameron of the 1980s sitcom *Growing Pains*, the movie, which opened last Friday, is part of a new wave in evangelical films: ones aimed at spreading the Gospel without seeming preachy.

While evangelical films have tended to go straight to video, more are now also playing in theaters. Some are trying to broaden their themes and raise production values to reach a bigger audience.

"This is a very large niche market I think the studios have missed," said Peter Lalonde, co-founder of Toronto-based Cloud Ten Pictures, which produced *Left Behind* with Namesake Entertainment of Louisville, Ky.

Films with religious messages have been around since the dawn of cinema, and a spate of evangelical movies arrives every decade or so. But the numbers are growing.

The latest Christian films are, in part, an answer to a perceived anti-religious bias in Hollywood movies, which traditionalists complain have too much sex, violence and profanity.

"Don't protest what you don't like; buy a ticket for what you do like," said Matthew Crouch, president of Gener8Xion Entertainment, and a co-producer of 1999's *The Omega Code* and its upcoming sequel, *Megiddo*.

Christian film makers were inspired by the success of *The Omega Code*, about a supposed Biblical code that reveals specifics about the end of time. The movie starred veteran actor Michael York as the Antichrist, and Casper Van Dien.

It was named the No. 1 limited release that year by Daily Variety based on box-office sales, and was among the top 10 box-office draws the week it opened on just 304 screens.

Some even say its success could lead Hollywood to back production of Christian movies.

"It really made people sit up and take notice when a little film, *The Omega Code*, showed up in the top 10," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc., a Los Angeles-based company that tracks box-office results in North America.

Roger Ebert, film critic for the Chicago Sun-Times, said, "Hollywood in general will produce anything that makes money." But he also added: "Overtly religious pictures are not generally money makers."

Critics have generally panned evangelical movies, particularly the apocalyptic ones, about end-of-time Biblical prophecies, as cheap, made-for-TV fare with simplistic story lines.

"*The Omega Code*, which cost $7 million to make, doesn't come close to the average Hollywood film in production quality", said Ted Baehr, publisher of Movieguide, a magazine that reviews films and places a premium on moral content. But he thinks it was a step forward and that *Left Behind* compares more favorably.

Budgets for Christian films remain tiny by Hollywood standards but are increasing. And digital technology gives new tools to small-budget film makers.

The Trinity Broadcasting Network, founded by Crouch's father, Paul, financed *The Omega Code* and promoted it with the help of church congregations. Its sequel will cost $17 million, not including promotional expenses, says Crouch. The better Hollywood features can start at $30 million.

Left Behind, a modern interpretation of the Bible's Book of Revelation, adapted from a best-selling book by Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins, cost more than $17million, including promotion.

"I think that in the past, the term 'Christian film' brought along with it the idea of low production value, and that's certainly not the case for this," said Cameron, its star.

He, York and Van Dien are among more prominent actors appearing in the niche faith films, but bigger stars are now taking a step of faith into Christian film. Gary Sinise (Officer Dan in *Forrest Gump*) and Margot Kidder (Lois Lane from the *Superman* films) starred in *Tribulation*, also from Cloud Ten.

Such films' box-office success still seems to hinge on targeted marketing to churches and a "grassroots" fanbase.

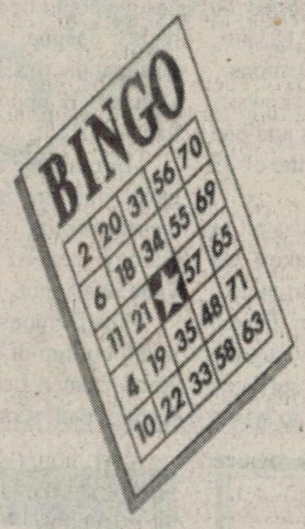
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Sports

From the Sports Editor

February 8, 2001



By Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

Quick Talking Points

- Was I the only person who saw this picture of James Smith in Shreveport's *Times* last Monday? I want to know where this came from. Is this his high school yearbook picture? It might be a picture of his dad. I'm going to find out.



-Hey, I know I'm not the only person who thinks the XFL is great! I didn't get a chance to watch a full game, but the fact two guys race after a football instead of a coin toss is unbelievable! We just witnessed one of the most garbage Super Bowls ever, so give it a chance. Quit being so closed minded!

Main Course

I usually wait until Wednesday night to type my opinion, but since I will be out of town this entire weekend, I'm typing this on Tuesday night. In fact, it's almost 11 p.m. Tuesday so forgive me if this opinion tastes a little stale.

I don't know about you, but I'm starting to pick up the Basketball Jones. The Super Bowl has passed; the Pro Bowl is over, and my attention is turning more to roundball. Seriously, I must've been unconscious Sunday because I was actually watching the Knicks-Heat game. No really! And I saw a great buzzer-beater game Monday between UNLV and Wyoming. I'm telling you; basketball season is in full swing n o w .

Do you know what team has quietly strung together a six-game winning streak? The Lady Demons have. With the exception of SFA, I'd have to say that the hottest women's team in the Southland conference are your Lady D e m o n s .

We're still waiting for Kia Converse's arrival. I heard she enrolled in classes, but no one's seen or heard from her. But I really think that the Kia will be ready for the stretch run, and the Lady Demons may surprise a few teams come tournament time. This is a very close and confident bunch, and I really like what I see in this group. You see, I have to write nice things about them since they let me ride home on the bus from Sam Houston (oh yeah, thanks for the ice cream Coach Lady).

The Demons have lost two straight, but there's no reason to panic. Parity seems to be the operative word in all athletics, and the Southland conference seems to be no different. Don't be fooled, however. The Demons do need to play much better than they have been the past few weeks. But the talent is there, and the only wins that really count are three during the weekend of March 8-11.

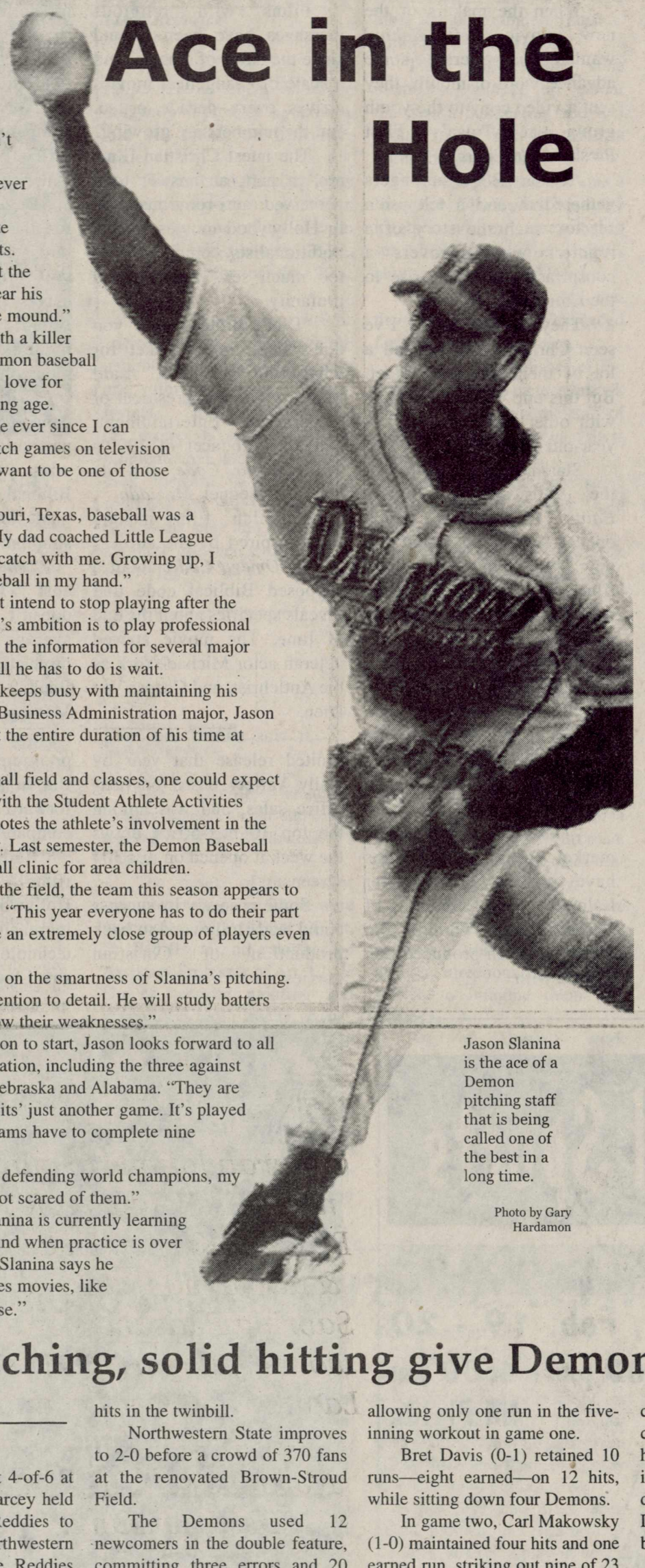
So the season starts now. All of our attention is focused on basketball, and it should be a great month. Let's play ball!

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Demon pitcher Jason Slanina may not be a gambling man, but to the Demon pitching staff, he's the...

Ace in the Hole

By Mindy Mixon
Sauce Reporter



Jason Slanina is the ace of a Demon pitching staff that is being called one of the best in a long time.

Photo by Gary Hardamon

It seems every pitcher has unique quirks. Jason Slanina isn't any different.

"He will stretch forever - even an hour before he pitches," fellow teammate Jordan Robison comments.

"And no matter what the temperature is he will wear his sleeves when he's on the mound."

A dominant force with a killer sinker on this year's Demon baseball pitching staff, Slanina's love for baseball began at a young age.

"I've loved the game ever since I can remember. I would watch games on television and think to myself 'I want to be one of those people,'" Slanina says.

Growing up in Missouri, Texas, baseball was a way of life for Jason. "My dad coached Little League and was always playing catch with me. Growing up, I was never without a baseball in my hand."

In fact, Jason doesn't intend to stop playing after the collegiate level. "My life's ambition is to play professional ball." Slanina's filled out the information for several major league franchises. Now all he has to do is wait.

In the meantime, he keeps busy with maintaining his impressive 3.7 G.P.A. A Business Administration major, Jason has made the Dean's List the entire duration of his time at Northwestern.

Other than the baseball field and classes, one could expect to see Slanina working with the Student Athlete Activities Committee. SAAC promotes the athlete's involvement in the Natchitoches community. Last semester, the Demon Baseball team set up a free baseball clinic for area children.

On the field and off the field, the team this season appears to mesh exceptionally well. "This year everyone has to do their part to help the team. We are an extremely close group of players even outside of the sport."

Robison commented on the smartness of Slanina's pitching. "He pays careful attention to detail. He will study batters before a game and know their weaknesses."

Anxious for the season to start, Jason looks forward to all the games with anticipation, including the three against Powerhouses L.S.U, Nebraska and Alabama. "They are all great programs, but its' just another game. It's played on the field and both teams have to complete nine innings," Slanina says.

"We beat L.S.U, the defending world champions, my freshman year. We are not scared of them."

An avid music lover, Slanina is currently learning how to play the guitar. And when practice is over and classes are through, Slanina says he "plays darts and watches movies, like everyone else."

Renovated Brown-Stroud field welcomes first visitors

***Current Sauce* staff reporter LaTerrica Dobin spent the day at the newly-renovated Brown-Stroud Field**

Imagine.

Opening day at Brown-Stroud field and being among a crowd of Demon baseball fans. All in a newly renovated, highly anticipated but not quite finished, baseball headquarters.

The renovations, all privately funded, added 1,200 bleacher seats and 122 chairback box seats. The season ticket holders having the special seating arrangements at field level. But the best asset of this new field is all of the shade, 9,000 square feet to be exact. So any seat could very well be the best seat in the house.

" One of the most memorable things about last season was the heat," recalls Demon fan Michael Bush.



The brand new Brown-Stroud Field
Photo by Gary Hardamon

But one of the most memorable things about today was there was no concession stand. There will be one very soon, however. Construction is also underway to also include a clubhouse and a paved entrance.

"I think the improvements are great, Brown-Stroud needed it, the fans, the players, everyone," Rosalind Poleman, a 15-year Demon supporter, said.

The atmosphere at Brown-Stroud field could make for a very fun family outing. Let's imagine. Mom and dad can cool off and catch the game while there is plenty of room for the children to play hill top or around the field.

After imagining, you then catch yourself. You realize it's all true.

Solid pitching, solid hitting give Demons an opening day sweep

By Kris Collinsworth
Sauce Reporter

Tyler Durham went 4-of-6 at the plate, and Aaron Darcey held the Henderson State Reddies to only one run as the Northwestern State Demons beat the Reddies 10-4 in game one and 7-1 in the nightcap Tuesday in baseball action.

The Reddies fell to 1-3 while managing 11 hits and sitting down 23 times from Demon pitchers.

Henderson State aided the Demons with nine errors and 11 hits in the twinbill.

Northwestern State improves to 2-0 before a crowd of 370 fans at the renovated Brown-Stroud Field.

The Demons used 12 newcomers in the double feature, committing three errors and 20 hits and stealing 14 bases.

Durham's 4-of-6 outing included a 2-of-2 performance in game two with 5 RBIs, scoring twice and stealing four bases and two doubles.

Darcey (1-0) struck out nine batters of 20 batters faced, allowing only one run in the five-inning workout in game one.

Bret Davis (0-1) retained 10 runs—eight earned—on 12 hits, while sitting down four Demons.

In game two, Carl Makowsky (1-0) maintained four hits and one earned run, striking out nine of 23 batters faced.

"We have a checklist of a hundred different mistakes we made, and we are very fortunate," Demon head coach John Cohen said. "Henderson State swung the bat well, and I'm glad we survived some opening day jitters to win a couple of games. If Darcey continues to progress the way he has, he could be a big time pitcher in our league. Makowsky was dominant at times against a quality Division II opponent that hit the ball well."

Demon ace Jason Slanina left game one the in the top of the fourth inning lagging 4-3, but Darcey ceased the Henderson State onslaught.

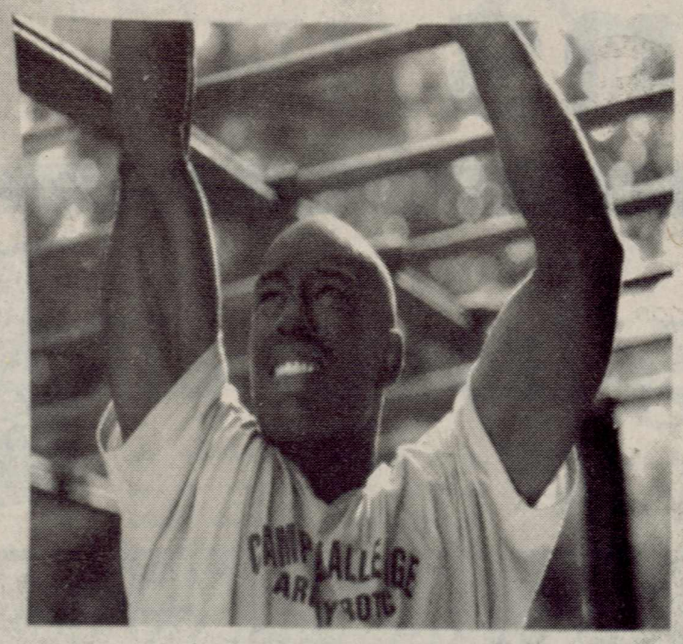
The Demons evened the game in the bottom of the seventh when pinch runner Lee McCleon stole second and scored on a Steven Adams' groundout after hitting third on a throwing error. Northwestern State piled on six more runs in the eighth, including the tiebreaker, a single by Ed Linck sending Jordan Robison home.

After taking a 2-0 lead in game two, Adams added a two-base shot, scoring two runs and widening the gap on the Reddies.

Northwestern State plays again this weekend facing Mississippi Valley State Friday, Louisiana Tech Saturday and Grambling on Sunday in Ruston.

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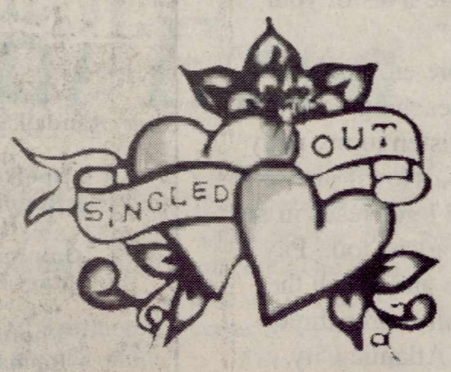




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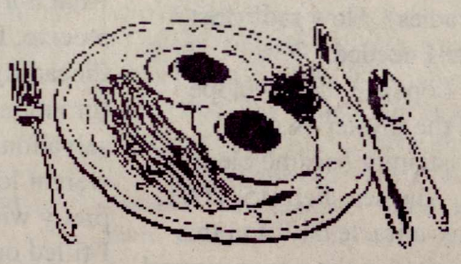




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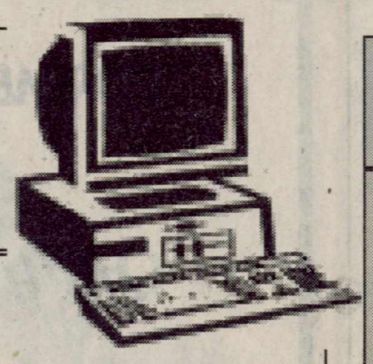
Opinions



Letters to the Editor



Problems with the Rapides' Computer Lab



Dear Dr. Webb:

I am a concerned student who resides in Rapides dorm. I would like to say I am disappointed with this University's treatment of Rapides Computer Lab.

Since last semester, we have been promised by Student Technology a fully working computer lab. This we still do not have. The lab was opened last semester in its poor shape. We currently have only 5 computers that work on the internet out of the 8 we have. Even these computers are insufficient because all the required software and updates to maintain a computer were not installed.

In addition, the printer we have in the lab does not work. This would not be bad except for the fact that we have complained constantly. The various labworkers have relayed our messages, and we have been given nothing but constant promises and unfulfilled deadlines.

We understand that some people on this campus think of Rapides as a less intellectual dorm and would rather focus their attention (and newspaper cameos) on a nicer dorm such as Boozman, but we feel we have as much right as anyone else to a functional and working computer lab.

The following is a list of our grievances and our demands:

1.) All computers functional and working on the internet with all required software including but not limited to Java Support which is included in the basic Windows Update of Virtual Machine.

2.) A working printer

3.) All disk and Zip drives working to their fullest capacity.

4.) All Sound cards and Video cards set up correctly so that we may, like any lab, have sound.

5.) Any other basic computer parts and/or software that make using the computer labs that we as students of Northwestern pay for as pleasurable as possible.

In addition to all this, we would also like to know when we started attending Big Brother U. We have been informed that there are now limits on what websites we go to, and also that every website we do go to is recorded by the head of this department. I am not educated in the Constitutional Laws per se, but I am sure that the ACLU would love to hear how our rights are being infringed upon. In conclusion, I would like to let you know that I am sending a copy of this letter to *The Current Sauce* so that they may provide as witness to our grievances.

Sincerely,

A Concerned and Upset Student

Northwestern State University
"Where Students Come First?"

Reader's Note:

The student's name in the article above was not published because he or she is a lab worker. The student feels that their job could be at risk if The Sauce printed their name. We here at The Sauce felt that this was sufficient cause to not print the name.

Furthermore, President Webb responded to the e-mail above. The following is his response, "Thanks for sharing your concerns with me. I will ask Dr. Anthony Scheffler look into them and see if any remedies are available.

Thanks,
Mary Freeman
Opinions Editor

Symbols of the past do not change

Dear Editor,

My name is William Eilers and I am currently a Freshman at Northwestern State University.

Over the last couple of years, several influential groups in America have used their position in society to persuade state governments in the Southern United States to rewrite their position in the American History, particularly their positions during the 1950's and 1960's. While this is very popular and politically correct, this does not change in any way what actually happened.

While the Confederate battle flag may conjure up the images of schoolhouse picket lines, crosses burning, lynchings, and Dixie, this flag is not the true symbol of Confederate States of America nor is it the basis of hatred. Fear and ignorance are the cornerstones for hate, not a design on the backs of pickup trucks. For it should be noted that the Ku Klux Klan marched down the streets of Washington in the 1920's carrying American flags, not Confederate ones.

The State of Georgia has changed the design of their flag, no different now than when they did so to suit the times through GA Senate Bill 98 in 1956. While I do not agree with the use of the Confederate battle flag in anything, I firmly believe that the images portrayed on a flag will not make the residents of a state change what they believe. Only time will heal the wounds and beliefs of the past, as they are doing so now.

They have removed a symbol of the past, but they have not changed what happened. The past will be the same no matter how people choose to remember it; it did happen and there is nothing we can do to change that. The only thing left to do is to let people get along, be they from South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana or Texas. For in the end, the true mark of our civilization will not be how we started to integrate but rather, will be how we coexist. Our existence together in society from hereon, not the images of the past, will determine our ultimate future.

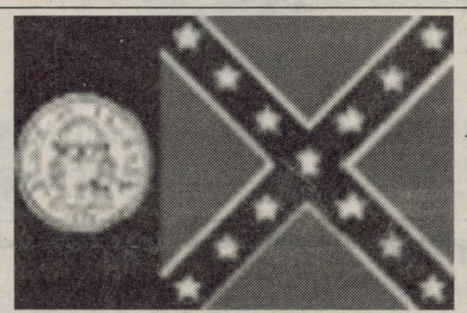
Sincerely,
William F. Eilers, IV
NSU Class of 2004

P.S. If there are so many violations of civil rights today then Jesse Jackson would not have time to father illegitimate children.

Heritage of Bravery

Dear Distinguished Editor,

I wish to address your comment about the Confederate "Stars and Bars" as not being part of Southern heritage. Although you are right in saying slavery is over, that is not the heritage the "Stars and Bars" stands for. I admit a lot of people have the flag on their vehicles and flags on their walls....some of them thinking they just look cool. This however is not the case for all.



Some students at this school have ancestors who fought and died for the Confederacy in the Civil War. Is it wrong for those people to say that the Confederate Battle Flag is part of their heritage? I don't think it is. I know many people who have relatives who fought for both sides during the Civil War. They are intitled to be able to say that the Confederate Flag is just as much part of their heritage as the U.S. Stars and Stripes.

Mr. Editor, the Confederate flag does not stand for racism (although regrettably, some racist extreme groups have used it as such). The Confederate Flag, for many at this University, stands for heritage. Not heritage of slavery, but heritage of bravery.

Sincerely,
James D. Green

A Frenchman's take on Tony, fraternities and racism

To the attention of the Brothers of Kappa Alpha and all of the fraternities of the campus.

I have read your answer to Tony's article, and besides finding it really funny something strange bugged me. In your answer, you mention Tony's early work and especially a "c" word affair that occurred last year. According to you Tony used a "c" word that was highly shocking. Coming from France, I was amazed of the effect you described of the word, and I began to start wondering what kind of word could possibly shock you at this point.

I first thought of the word "church", but knowing how insanely religious people are down here, I was sure it could not be that. After endless, unproductive reflections, I decided to ask the man himself, Mr. Tony Blanco. Unfortunately, the answer was only "cunnilingus". I was so disappointed. I was thinking the word was going to be really hardcore. What kind of fake guy's are you? Does K.A. really stand for Kindergarten Amateur? Wake up, you are in College now, people use cusswords all the time. If you are going to faint every time someone says a bad word, get out of here, it will be better.

Now to be more serious, I will tell you what really shocks me on campus.

First I cannot stand the arrogance the Fraternities are showing on campus. For instance, I saw the other day a Kappa Sigma wearing a shirt that said " We will not forfeit, we are just better than you". I saw another Frat' shirt that first quoted the charts of human rights (the "man are created equal" part) and stated that their fraternities set new standards. Do you also remember the first answer to Tony's article where the Frat boy stated that he and his brother were part of the "chosen few." Well, I know another guy that also thought he was of the chosen few. His name was Adolf Hitler and guess what: This guy had only one ball! However, there is another thing that shocks me more with you people.

The second thing that I do not like with fraternities is racism. When I came here I was so shocked by racism. The American form of racism is horrible. Here there are lines of demarcation between every ethnic society. We all go to school together, but when it comes to partying, black people stay with black people, white people stay with white people, etc... The reason why I think fraternities are racist is that they practice the differentiation of the races.

There are fraternities for white people and fraternities for black people. There are some exceptions though, some fraternities are open to any kind of races, but unfortunately there are not among the majority. Have you ever seen a black KA, KE, or EN on campus? I think there are evidences of discrimination with the Fraternities, and therefore I am glad that Tony has the guts to pick on them.

I believe that everyone can be my friend, and I am glad that I did not have to pay to get some friends.

Sincerely,
Mathieu Feracci

Instant Wisdom and the Jesus Connection

by Tony Blanco

A couple of days ago I received an envelope that looked like a hundred-dollar bill. I was very excited until I realized that the hundred-dollar bill was only an envelope..

On the back of this envelope was a message from The Word of Faith Ministries; "Enclosed: Three One Hundred-Dollar Miracles." Cool, I thought, Three Miracles? How rad! Just what I needed.

I opened the envelope and the mysteries of Christianity became clear to me. You see, Feb. 15, 2001 is my miracle day. On this miracle day the very reverend Robert Tilton is going to "release (his) faith for a flood of anointing and for miraculous answers to (my) greatest needs." And it's that simple!

I enclosed a gift to God of four hundred dollars and Reverend Bob is going to lie his coat (the one he wears I guess) upon my request and pray for me. The request was easy.

He gave me a nice form with little pictures showing what miracles I could receive. It was kind of like Piccadilly. There were boxes for among other things, salvation,healing, depression, weight loss, and drugs. A pretty wide variety I thought. I filled out the form and checked off the boxes for new car and oppression and I guess come February 15 you guys will see me rolling in my new Mustang.

This is great! If only I knew Christianity was so easy. All it takes is money? That's great! Next time I'll just ask for more money. Then I'll send more money to this churchy coat guy and ask for more miracles.

Yeah, I got this Christianity all figured out. It's so easy! I love God! We should be very thankful that there exists such prophets and followers of Jesus' word as Reverend Bob. He's got my miracle day (Feb 15) all ready to go. Maybe he can do the same for you. I think he can.

Reverend Bob says, "God wants to show you His salvation. Miracles that are so great that they are spilled over into the lives of your household."

No more endless prayer into a far reaching void with no one to listen to my petty complaints. Now I just send money and I got Jesus in my pocket. You can too. Pay those tithes and watch the miracles roll in like three cherries in Atlantic City. Thank you Jesus.

With this new practical revelation I can be devout and still have time for my real life. Thanks be to God. I really hope this works cause four hundred dollars is a lot of money. Amen.

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Officials investigate misuse of loan check

By Josh Beavers
Editor

University officials are investigating allegations that a student's financial aid check was deposited in a student organization's account without his or her permission.

According to a press release issued by the Northwestern State University news bureau, the investigation involves the alleged misuse of a loan check of one student by another student and allegations of the possible involvement of university staff.

"While the investigation is ongoing and students and staff are involved and there is no substantive evidence to make an arrest, we are not going to release much information," University Vice President for Student Affairs Dan Seymour said.

Although details are sketchy, Seymour did say the check was in excess of $1,000 and confirmed that the university staff member in question is a representative of the University's financial aid office.

He said the allegations stem from a loan check being in the possession of the wrong student and then the check being placed in the account of a student organization. The student who was in possession of the check has made the allegations against the staff member.

"When the evidence comes back, that could turn the direction of the case and result in the evidence that could lead to arrests."

Dan Seymour,
University Vice President for Student Affairs

"When the student with the missing check went to ask about her loan, the financial aid office had information that she had already been issued the check," Seymour said. "The office contacted the lender and they said the check had been cashed. That is what started the ball rolling."

University Police Chief Rickie Williams said law enforcement personnel at the University have conducted interviews and gathered evidence in the case for several days but that no arrests have been made. He said the investigation is continuing.

Seymour said that "when the evidence comes back, that could turn the direction of the case and result in the evidence that could lead to arrests."

Seymour said that if substantive evidence is available then criminal proceedings will take place. If the individual is found guilty then they will be subject to University disciplinary actions as well as criminal prosecutions.

Seymour said if the involved student is found guilty of the allegations they could be found guilty of violating the University's Code of Student Conduct. If there is evidence that the student has violated the code then appropriate sanctions will be taken.

Officials will not release the names of involved individuals or the student organization in question until further investigation has been made.

Disney representatives to visit campus March 6

By Josh Beavers
Editor

University students will soon have the opportunity to apply to work at Walt Disney World and earn college credit.

Walt Disney representatives will hold an information session on March 6 at 5 p.m. in Russell Hall room 107. Disney representatives will also schedule interviews for students to participate during the summer and fall semesters. Interested students must attend the information session to be eligible for the program.

The College Program is designed to allow students from all over the world to work at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. In addition to working, students attend seminars for which they can earn college credit.

Participants live in one of the several College Program apartment complexes. No more than $80 is deducted from the students' weekly paycheck to cover rent, transportation, linens and housewares.

Students share an apartment with either three or five other students to create a diverse living environment.

"My time participating in the educational component of the program allowed me to acquire transferable skills, and gain insight into a unique management style of a Fortune 100 company," NSU campus representative Ryan Slaughter said. "Learning at Disney was an enriching and rewarding experience."

Slaughter also added that working for Walt Disney World is a great way to "make magic."

Interested students may visit the College Program website at www.wdwcollegeprogram.com or contact Margaret Kilcoyne at 357-5715 for more information.



Photo by Rachael Kidd

Dianne Jones and Victor Jones (holding sign) march through the University campus to promote unity among students in the 2001 Unity March. The march, which was held last Monday, was sponsored by the African American Caucus. The march was held to celebrate Black History Month and began at Iberville and ended at the Student Union Ballroom.

University students and professor survive weekend storm

By Raymond Williams and Elona Boggs
Sauce Reporters

Four university students and an assistant professor were caught in a violent storm that uprooted trees, caused power outages and ripped the roof off their hotel Friday.

The students, Shelli Briery, Randall S. Frederick, Raymond Williams, Elona Boggs and assistant professor Neil Ralston, were attending the Southeastern Journalism Conference in Columbus, Miss., when the storm occurred. According to The Clarion-Ledger, a newspaper out of Jackson, Mississippi, Gov. Ronnie Musgrove declared the northeast region of Mississippi a disaster area. The storm left one person killed, 27 people injured and more than 42,000 people without power.

The conference, held this year at Mississippi University for Women, is an annual event that involves on-site writing competitions and sessions tailored to improving abilities within student's emphasis areas.

Just before the storm hit at the conference, Larry Strout, faculty president of SEJC, made an announcement for students to move to the first floor of MUW's student union. Strout said that there was a tornado warning in the area and was advised by city officials to take safety precautions.

Students moved down the stairwell into the glass-enclosed foyer where they were given a glimpse of the storm's power.

Elizabeth Stuart, a student from Loyola University, said, "We were upstairs and the lights started flickering. All of the sudden all of these leaves started gusting," she continued.

At that time, students also witnessed the building's glass bending and shingles flying off the building across the street. Students were ushered to a lower level where they sat in darkness for about an hour until MUW officials announced that students were dismissed from the conference for the remainder of the day.

During this time, some student journalists saw a chance to explore the storm's damage.

Mississippi State University student, Will Smith said, "It's ironic because we're always looking for spot news. It's an opportunity for us as journalism students to do what we do."

Student photographers and reporters discovered large, uprooted trees on MUW's campus, damaging vehicles and buildings. NSU students found that a power line had fallen on the university van, prohibiting them to leave after the dismissal.

"Mother nature can come at any moment and at any time."

Brian Henderson,
Student, Grambling State University

While waiting for the power line to be removed from the van, NSU students were informed that their hotel was damaged. After returning to the hotel, they found that the roof had been blown away. Hotel officials were advising guests to retrieve their belongings and seek other lodging. The hotel sustained significant water damage, resulting in the greatest amount of damage on the top floor.

While students packed their unharmed belongings, Strout came to the hotel to inform students that the conference had been officially canceled. Initially, he had hoped to regroup and continue on with the conference, yet after assessing the city's devastation, a decision was made otherwise.

After the cancellation, the NSU students and Ralston headed back to Natchitoches.

Before the storm hit, five NSU students were honored in an awards ceremony. John Chambers and Joni Naquin won first place in the television documentary category, while Tim Long and Michael Addison took second in the same category. In addition, Josh Green won second place for the best television newscast.

"It shows that despite the chaos, and out of the wreckage, NSU stands as one of the survivors," said Randall S. Frederick, " We're definitely contenders."

In the midst of the storm, Grambling student Brian Henderson, realized some things are out of his control, "Mother nature can come at any moment and at any time."

Better Than Ezra set for spring concert

By Debra Treon
Sauce Reporter

Each semester the Student Activities Board organizes a concert for the University's students and the general public.

This semester's concert will take place on March 29 at 7p.m. The concert will be held in the Prather Coliseum, and according to SAB Concert Chair Adam Allen it will be unlike the previous concerts.

"I think it is going to be different because instead of one big band it will be two mid-ranged bands. These bands are known around our area. I think it will have a good turn out," Allen said.

The SAB has contacted *Better Than Ezra* for the main attraction of the concert. The decision will be final on Feb. 26. *Better Than Ezra* has had several hit songs like "How Does Your Garden Grow" and "Good."

This semester there will be a smaller band that is known around this area. *Filter*, *Collective Soul*, *Incubus*, and *The Toadies* have all been contacted for this part of the concert. The SAB has not been able to decide on the opening act as of yet.

Filter has released two albums that included the songs "Sand" and "Take a Picture."

Collective Soul has also released some recordings and toured with bands like *Creed*. They have recorded songs like "Disciplined Breakdown" and "Dosage."

Incubus has recorded songs like "Favorite Things" and "Stellar." *The Toadies* has also recorded songs, but has not released an album in several years. The SAB will know which band will be coming by Friday.

The price for admission for the students is free with a valid student I.D., and general admission has not been decided upon. The SAB will discuss the general admission price once the bands have been arranged.

The SAB expects a better turn-out than the last concert.

"I have heard of all these groups but I feel that the selection could have been more diverse," freshman Yomaris Figueroa said. "Personally, I do not listen to these groups and I do not think that the majority of the student body does either, but I am anxious to hear what the groups sound like in concert. I think that concerts to come should involve a diverse selection of musical talent."

The choices for these bands were a result of surveys filled out by the student body last fall. The survey was also placed in *The Current Sauce*. About 400 surveys were returned to the SAB office.

"Personally, I have never actually heard of these bands," freshman Delandra Pierre said. "However, I think it is very good that the selection this semester brings different diversity of music towards the campus and students. I think there should be different types of musical types of sound that performs each semester."

Campus Connections

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
The SGA offers free scantrons to students every Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 222 of the Student Union. You will need a student I.D. to take advantage. Also, the students may stop by the Book Swap Board to look for books they may need for a cheaper rate.

WESLEY WESTMINSTER FOUNDATION
Students can have lunch at the Wesley Westminister Foundation (between Magee's and The Ink Spot) on Tuesday from 11:30 until 1 p.m. The first visit is free and $1 each time thereafter. Worship services are held from 6:30-7:30 pm each Wednesday.

COLLEGE DEMOCRATS
College Democrats conduct informational meetings every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union.

COLLEGE REPUBLICANS
College Republicans meet every Wednesday at 5 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union.

STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE
Meetings are held every Wednesday at noon in room 224 of Russell Hall. All majors welcome.

CATHOLIC STUDENT ORGANIZATION
The CSO would like to invite all students to join the CSO for fun, fellowship, and a free meal every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church (located on Second Street). You do not have to be Catholic to join in on the fun; every student is welcome. There is also a student Mass held every Sunday at 9:30 p.m. For more information call Amy Dowden at 352-2615.

NSU CLUB SOCCER
NSU Club Soccer is open to anyone who wants to play soccer on a collegiate level. The NSU Club Soccer team meets everyday behind Watson Library from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information contact Cesar Isgitt at 354-6483.

BIBLE STUDY
There will be an interdenominational Bible Study held each Tuesday night at 8:45 p.m. in Room 100 of Morrison Hall.

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION
The Native American Student Association will be meeting on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Thursdays at 6 p.m. All students are welcome to attend.

BLACK HISTORY SOCIAL
There will be a Black History Social on Feb. 23 in the IM building. There will be food and music and much more. For more information contact Kalprina Williams thru the Student Activities Board office on the second floor of the Student Union.

PHI MU FRATERNITY
Phi Mu Fraternity would like to remind all of its members: Today- Song Fest meeting (If interested, please attend.); study hall 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in PE Majors, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the library, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in PE Majors; Feb. 23- Happy Birthday to Marie Johnson, study hall noon to 2 p.m. in PE Majors, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in library; Feb. 24-28- Happy Mardi Gras!!!; Feb. 28- Happy Birthday to Angela Ryan, Happy Birthday to Stacey Thompson; Mar. 1- speaker at 7 p.m. in the ballroom, "A boy, a girl, a virus, and the relationship that happened anyway."

KAPPA SIGMA
The brothers of Kappa Sigma had a great time last week at the House Party with Kappa Alpha. The pictures can be found at www.partypics.com and use the password HOUSEPARTY (all one word). Or, you can visit our chapter's website at www.nsula.edu/kapsi/. We are also excited to welcome our 6 new pledges aboard. Looking forward to a great semester. Happy Mardi Gras, everyone!

SPANISH CLUB
The Spanish Club meets every Wednesday at 3 p.m. in room 404 of Kyser Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP
NSU's Office of Financial Aid will be hosting a Financial Aid Night, Wednesday, March 21, at 6 p.m. in the President's Room of the Student Union. Loan officers and Financial Aid officials will be on hand to answer questions concerning Financial Aid, help students renew 2001-2002 FASFA's and help students complete Financial Aid data forms. Please note, those students requiring assistance completing 2001-2002 FASFA's must bring your or your parents' tax returns.



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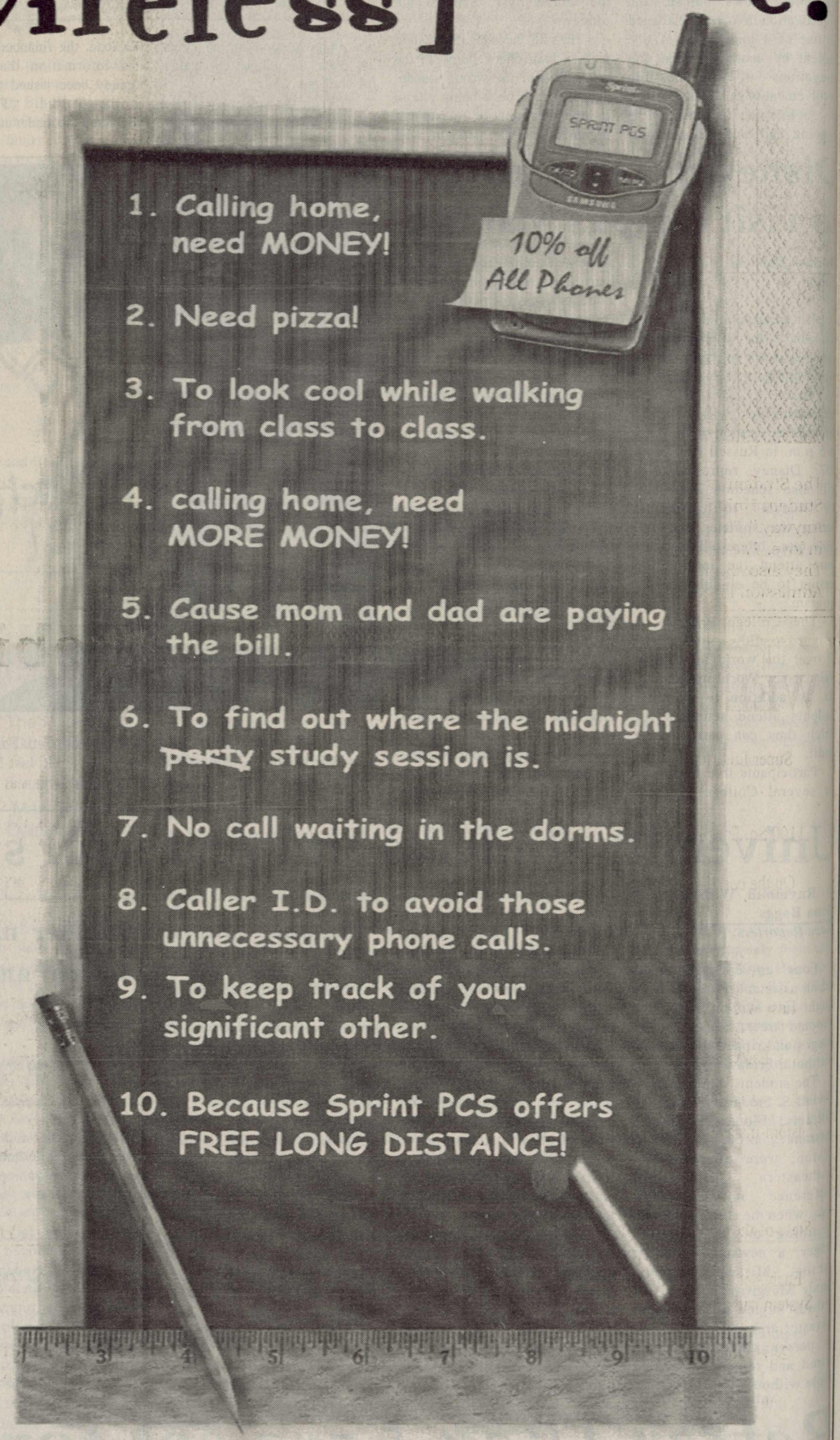
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Government officials impressed by faculty of University

Officials from the U.S. Department of Education visited Northwestern State University recently to observe the progress of the TRIO Dissemination Partnership project grant between Bossier Parish Community College and NSU.

The two partnering institutions recently entered the second year of this three-year, $500,000 grant funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

Northwestern State University's project is one of 11 such programs funded national at institutions of higher education in the first round of competition for grants under the TRIO Dissemination Partnership program. The project is designed to partner NSU with community colleges to develop ways to target at-risk students in order to improve access to education, as well as increase student retention and completion. NSU's first partner is Bossier Parish Community College, but ultimately the partnership will include several other community colleges around the state.

The practices for student retention that were presented to the federal site visitors included models for mentoring and early warning systems, on-line degree audits, and on-line teaching.

"The federal site visitors were impressed at the high degree of cooperation and collegiality that has developed between the faculties at Bossier Parish Community College and NSU," Don Barker, project director TRIO Dissemination Partnership program at NSU, said. "They also liked the fact that students are already benefiting from the project."

"The federal staff members believe that Northwestern's program is a star program in the nation," Sue Weaver, dean of the General College, said. "They may invite us to showcase our finding at a national conference in Chicago."

The efforts and progress made by NSU and BPCC may become a model for other partnerships between four-year and two-year colleges.

According to Weaver, the visit was also a learning experience for Northwestern. The program will now shift more of its focus from staff development to student development.

"The visit has enlarged our thinking about student outcomes," Weaver said. " By taking a more hands-on approach with student intervention, we are going to look at how we can relate directly to the students. We will make students real partners in the project."

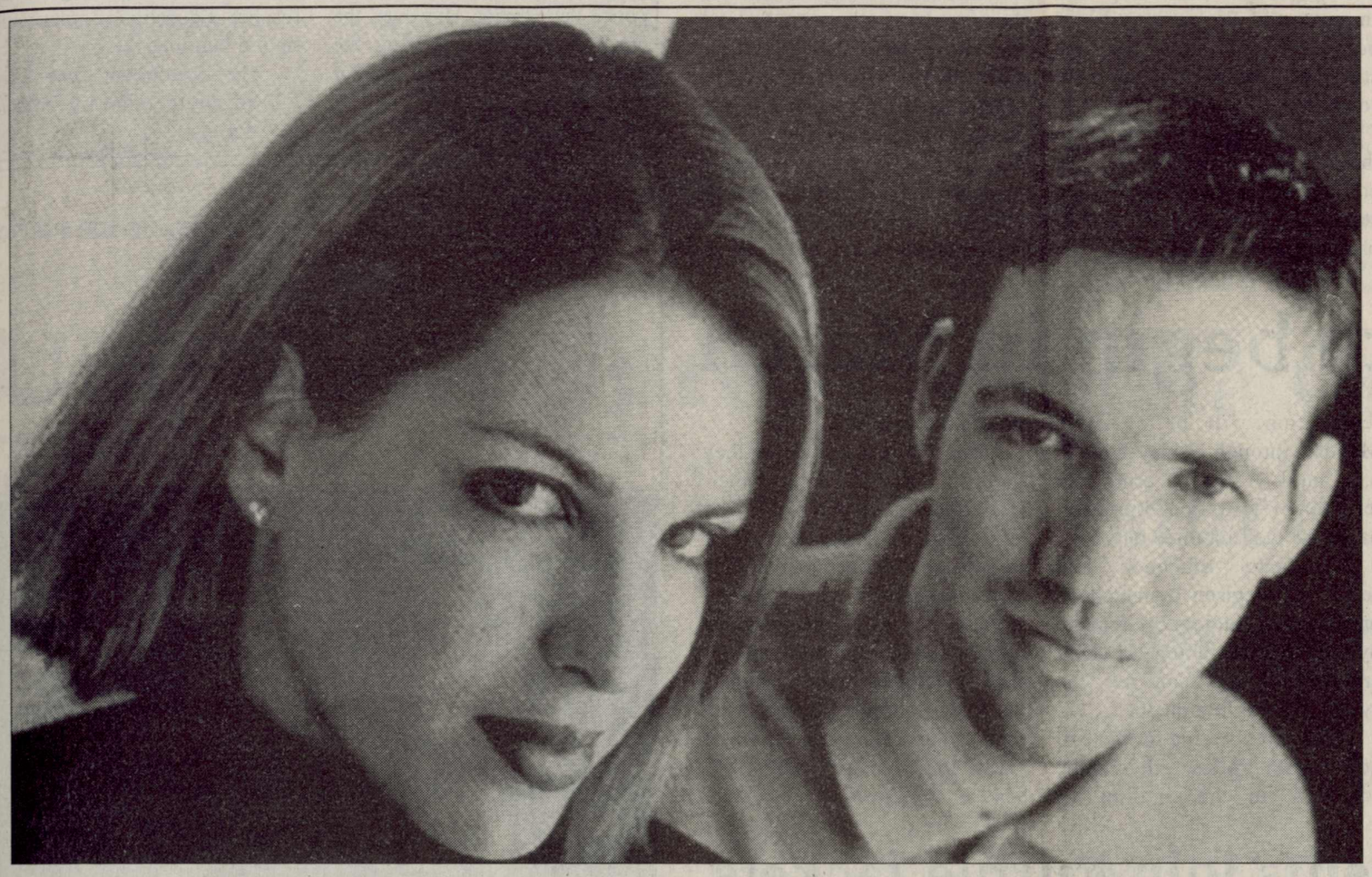


Photo courtesy SAB

The Student Activities Board is sponsoring a AIDS awareness program Thursday, March 1 at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. The program is entitled, "A Boy, A Girl, A Virus, and the Relationship that Happened Anyway." The program deals with the real life events of Shawn Decker and Gwenn Barringer, with whom he fell in love. The program offers stories from both Decker and Barringer explaining how their AIDS activism began. They also show how AIDS has affected their generation and how apathy has plagued the issue in recent years. Admission is free to all University students with a valid student I.D.

Shortage of faculty causes cancelation of summer classes

Northwestern State University's College of Nursing will offer only three of five clinical sections that were scheduled this summer, according to Dean of Nursing Norann Planchock.

Two of the five clinical sections will not be offered because of a shortage of available faculty. Full-time faculty at NSU are on nine-month contracts and are not required to teach summer sessions. Planchock said some faculty members who usually teach in summer will not be available this year because of a variety of factors not related to salary or teaching loads.

"Some of our faculty have family obligations and other opportunities this summer," Planchock said. "We have tried to structure the summer sections to minimize the effect on students. We know this will have a big impact on some students, but we have explored all available options before making this decision."

The decision will affect 120 students in the associate degree program who will complete their clinicals one semester later. Another 207 students will be able to take clinical courses. Students in the associate program go through a four-semester program in sequence. Baccalaureate students have a five-semester program in sequence.

Planchock said the College of Nursing would need nine additional faculty to teach all the clinical courses. She pointed out that faculty in the program must meet rigorous requirements established by state and national licensing and accrediting bodies.

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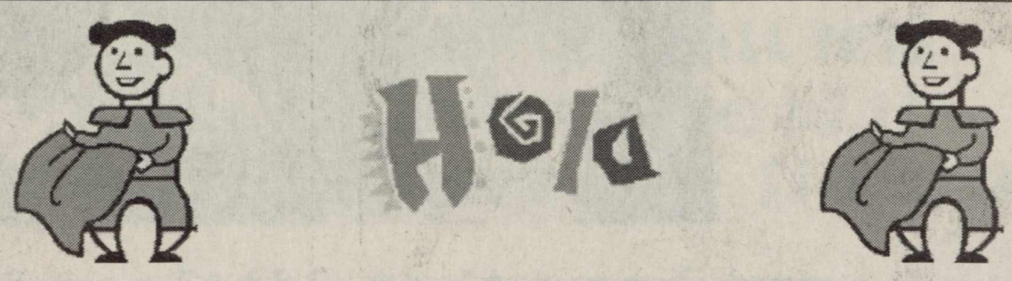
Robinson scholarship to benefit IET students

Industrial and engineering technology students will benefit from the increase in funds of the Walter J. Robinson scholarship. Dr. Bill Robinson has given $5000 to the endowment of the scholarship that is a memorial to his father.

Robinson founded the department at NSU in the 1940's, and served as department head until his retirement in 1970.

The criteria for the scholarship will be an industrial and engineering technology student with an academic standing of junior or senior, and a minimum 3.2 GPA. Also, the student must display characteristics best admired by Robinson, including scholarship and moral integrity.

The recipient will be determined by a vote of faculty and two student professional organizations, the National Association of Industrial Technology and the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.



The Spanish Club is holding a bake sale Thursday, March 8!!!

Northwestern's Spanish Club will be holding a bake sale on Thursday, March 8 in Kyser Hall beside the Coke machines. The sale will begin at 8 a.m. and will last until all items are sold.

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University students make plans for Mardi Gras

By Bridget Woods
Sauce Reporter

It's the season of king cakes colorful beads and parades. It's Mardi Gras. Instead of traveling to cities such as New Orleans to participate in the festivities, many students are choosing to spend their Mardi Gras break at home.

Graduating senior Heather Johnston made her plans for Mardi Gras weeks ago. The Shreveport native plans to spend much of her time working and relaxing.

"I'm going to relax because school has been so stressful and hectic. I never have time to rest. I'm not going to any Mardi Gras parades. It's pretty much the same every year. Everyone is fighting over plastic beads," Johnston said.

Angela McCorkle, another graduating senior from Hope Arkansas also has no plans to celebrate Mardi Gras. Instead McCorkle plans to spend her break doing more constructive activities.

"Me, my dad and one of my friends are going to rebuild a computer," McCorkle said.

Not all students are going to miss out on the parades and beads. Junior Allison Bulot, a New Orleans native, plans to be there with bells on.

"Now that I'm in college I still go. I bring friends home with me during Mardi Gras. I'll bring about four people this year," Bulot said.

Students who will travel to such places as New Orleans to celebrate Mardi Gras must keep in mind classes resume as normal on March 1, 2001. Some students believe not having a week really isn't that important.

"I don't think we need the whole week. I don't think Mardi Gras is something that important. We're privileged because they know college students like to party," said Johnston.

Yvette Ceaser, assistant to the registrar also believes the entire week isn't needed. She stated three days is enough to observe Mardi Gras.

"Everything ends on Ash Wednesday and the staff here only gets one day off," said Ceaser.

Ceaser also stated the registrar's office doesn't determine the amount of days NSU students have off for the break. She stated a calendar committee that makes plans five months in advance determines the schedule for NSU.

She also suggest to for those students who want to take the entire week off to check with their professors first to determine if they are within the number of absences allowed for the class. Ceaser also wants students to know missing Thursday and Friday will count just as much as any other day.

NSU shuttle service still in operation despite lack of use

By Bess Renfrow
Sauce Reporter

A year ago the Student Government Association approved a route for a shuttle bus.

This shuttle bus was designed to help students move more easily around campus.

Butch Crowder, driver of the Northwestern Shuttle Bus, takes a daily roll and turns it in to the police department. However, the numbers of those utilizing the bus have been few and far between.

Because of the numbers being so low, certain measures have been taken to inform the public of the shuttle bus. Signs have been made for the sides of the shuttle bus and signs have also been made for stops along the route.

The main route is, in order: the stadium parking lot, the ROTC building, the bottom of the Student Union by the bookstore entrance, the post office, the Sabine parking lot, the Teacher Education Center, and the P.E building.

The shuttle bus runs from 7:30 in the morning till 2:00 in the afternoon.

Early registration to begin in March

Students at Northwestern State University will be able to get their Spring 2001 midterm grades beginning March 13, according to Registrar Lillie Frazier Bell.

Grades can be obtained on the Internet through a secure website at www.getgrades.com, on Northwestern's website at www2.nsula.edu or by phone at (800) 936-6418.

Internet and telephone registration for the Summer 2001 semester will be held March 28 - April 27 Returning students with at least 30 credit hours can register by telephone or the Internet. Those with less than 30 hours along with new, re-entry and transfer students will register in their academic department on April 2-6. Students who do not register in their academic department during that week must wait until the regular registration period.

Telephone and Internet registration will be available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. Internet and telephone registration is priority-based for the first three days.

Graduate students and seniors can register by telephone on March 28. Juniors can register by telephone beginning March 29 and sophomores can use the system starting March 30.

Those registering for the Fall 2001 will follow the same schedule but can sign up for classes through Aug. 3.

Bell reminded students they should consult with their academic advisor prior to registering to make sure their records are accurate and that they have scheduled any needed prerequisites. Any students with a financial hold cannot register until the hold has been cleared.

For more information contact the Registrar's Office at (318) 357-6171 or (800) 807-8849.

Nineteen University students join Purple Jackets

Nineteen students at Northwestern State University were inducted into the Purple Jackets recently. The Purple Jacket Club is one of the university's oldest honorary service organizations. Membership is limited to 35 students who are selected based on scholarship, outstanding achievement, exceptional leadership and high ideals.

Those selected are Laura Blakely and Shondale Smith of Shreveport, Tracey Camburn of Belle Chase, Jennifer Gray Dauenhauer of Bossier City, Katie Dollar of Pineville, Nadra Harrison of New Orleans, Kristen Holley of Waskom, Texas, Bridget Hundley of Opelousas and Jennifer Jackson from LeCompte.

Also selected were Marie Johnson and Felicia Price of Alexandria, Rebecca Kaiser of Greenwell Springs, Lori Miller of Clinton, Megan Sharkey of Ball. Laci Stokes of Pioneer, Cherish Traylor of Myrtle, Miss., Angela Warnock from Wills Point, Texas, Kristin Wilkins of Metairie and Megan Wyatt of Crowley

The Purple Jacket Club was founded by V.L. Roy, the president of Louisiana State Normal School (now Northwestern), in 1927 as a service club for women. Members volunteer to work at events including Career and Professional Days, conferences, and commencement. They also assist guests in the President's Box at home football games.

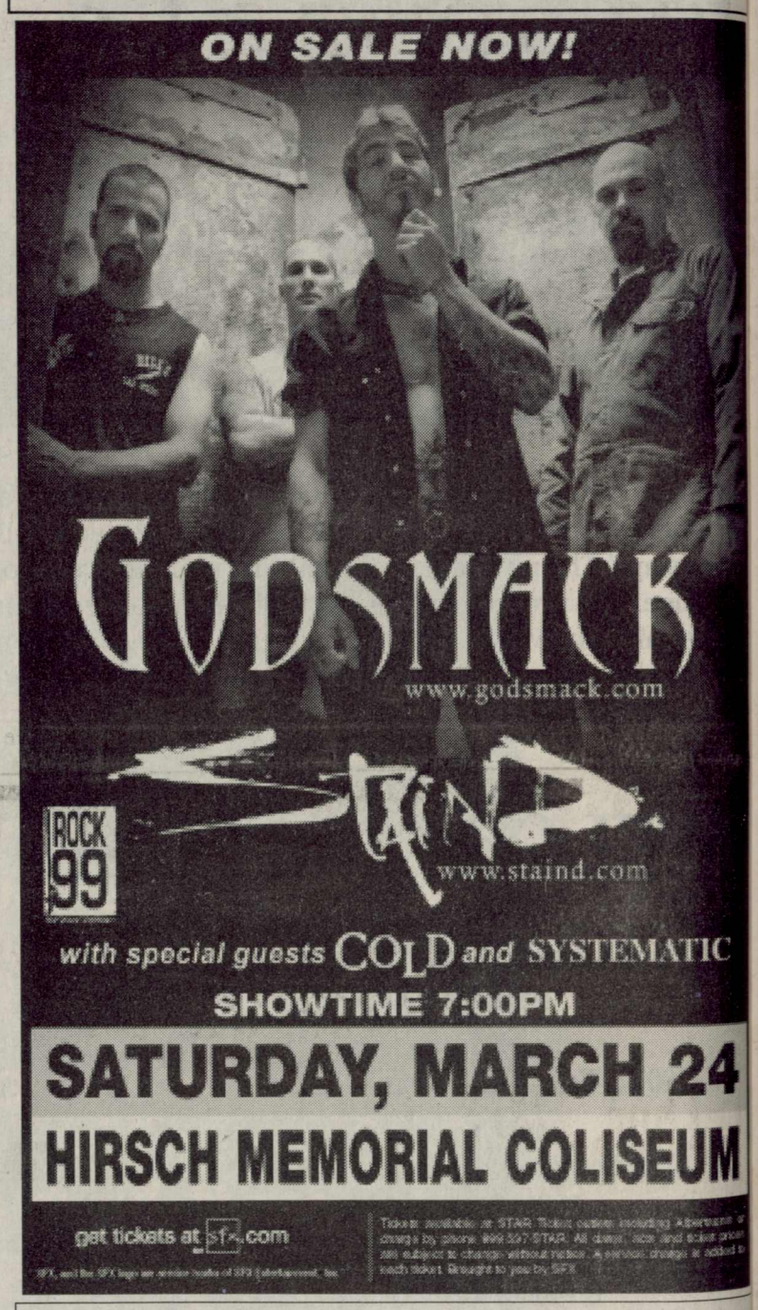
Members must have at least a 3.0 GPA by their junior year. In addition, each member must be in two other campus-affiliated organizations and be an officer in at least one organization.

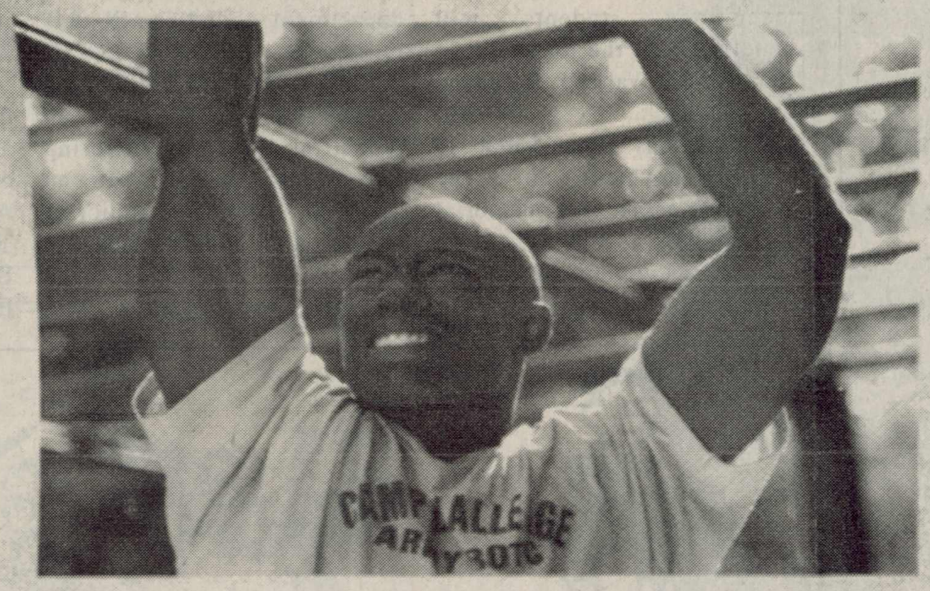
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SGA Minutes 2/19/01

I. Call to Order- 7:05 p.m.

The prayer was led by Shaun Jackson. The pledge was led by Matthew Comeaux.

Roll Call:
Present
Leanna Anderson
Chante Bellard
Buster Carlisle
Jonathan Chance
Greg Comeaux
Matthew Comeaux
Jessica Cramer
William Eilers
Dustin Floyd
Will Hooper
Elizabeth Hughes
Shaun Jackson
Jeremy Malmay
Dustin Matthews
Tara Newman
Jeremiah Newsom
Ben Nihart
Justin Owen
Shelly Smith
Shymika Stephenson
Frank Toro
Glenn Ward
Jennifer Whittington
Brian Wilkinson
David Gunn
Rusty Broussard
Wayne Bush
Absent
Vanessa Byrd
Stacie Crosby
Craig Coutee-excused
Peyton Giddons-excused
Lacie Jackson

Dustin Floyd moved to approve the minutes from 2-12-01.
Jonathon Chance seconded.
The motion passed-general consent.

II. Executive Reports

Treasurer- Wayne Bush
The budget has not changed from last week. I will not be here Friday.

Vice President- Rusty Broussard
Breakfast with the President is tomorrow morning with AKA sorority. We need to get the SGA election dates approved.

President- David Gunn
Good job with Meet the Senator Day. The rezoning of the Caspari lot was approved by parking and traffic, I will be speaking with Dr. Webb regarding the lot and the bill approved last week at Breakfast with the President tomorrow.
Matt, Rusty, and myself have developed a fee user agreement for the Student Technology fee that we will be presenting to Dr. Webb tomorrow for a preliminary discussion. This item will be coming in front of the senate in the very near future.
I've been following up on the presentation station as well as the agreement with the LaCapital Credit Union, we should be seeing the culmination of both of these projects soon.
Reminder that we'll be leaving for COSGA at 6:30 Saturday morning.
I'll be in Baton Rouge Thursday and Friday for the board of supervisors meeting, so I will not be in the office.
I will not be making any more appointments to the senate for the rest of the year. Please advise all individuals interested in senate positions of the election dates.

Shelly Smith walked in.

III. Department Reports

Academic Affairs- Jessica Cramer
We finalized the survey for educational programming. We have a list prepared for courses. I met with Mrs. Bell concerning the Calendar Committee.

Tara Newman walked in.

External Affairs- Glenn Ward
I apologize for missing the department meeting on Thursday. Meet the Senator Day went very well.

Fiscal Affairs- Wayne Bush
Fee Review Committee met today and approved the Argus budget.
Club Sports- Frank Toro- We will meet Thursday at 12:15 p.m.
Organizational Grants- Matthew Comeaux- We will meet February 26 at 5:00 p.m. to look over grants.

Internal Affairs- Rusty Broussard speaking for Vanessa Byrd
We started planning for the end of the year banquet. Tara Newman and Ben Nihart need to check their boxes. Kimberly Dickerson has resigned.

Student Affairs- Justin Owen
CRC is meeting Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. Traffic and Parking approved the rezoning of the Caspari lot. We talked to Mr. Lindsey about the lot between the Fine Arts Building and the Print shop. They will try to work on that during the Mardi Gras Holidays. Repairing of lot signs and color coding will be done before the fall semester. Beau, senior RA in Caspari, appreciates the microwaves, but suggested a new stove. Mr. Woody Blair ordered a new stove. Six new lights will be going up on the east side of Keyser Hall.

IV. Other Reports

SAB Non-Voting Representative- Will Hooper
Coffee House tonight. All choices for the spring concert fell through. Meet the Parents will be the movie for Spring Fling.

Supreme Court- no report

Advisor- Mr. Henry
We are leaving at 6:30 Saturday for COSGA. Everything is set for the trip.
David Gunn said that the March 3rd and 4th COSBP members need to be prepared to leave for 8 a.m. on that Saturday.

Matthew Comeaux changed his meeting time from February 26 to the next Monday.

V. New Business

SGA Election Dates are as follows:
March 6- Filings open
March 20- Filings close
March 21-23- Applications will be checked
March 26-27- Picture day
March 29- Current Sauce prints pictures
April 4th-5th - Elections
April 17th-18th- Runoffs

Dustin Floyd moved to approve the dates set forth by the election board.
Frank Toro seconded.
Discussion followed.
The motion passed. 24-0-0

VI. Announcements

Meeting adjourned-7:25 p.m.

University prepares for Spring Senior Day

High school seniors can learn about opportunities at Northwestern State University at the annual Spring Senior Day Saturday, March 3.

Top students can get a head start on their college education at NSU's Credit Connection which is being held that same day.

During Credit Connection, students can earn college credit by taking an Advanced Standing Examination.

Students with ACT scores of at least 25 or SAT scores of at least 1130 are eligible to take the exams which can result in credit being posted on the student's college transcript once they enroll at Northwestern. All tests will be given in Kyser Hall on the NSU campus.

Credit Connection begins at 9 a.m. in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium. The first round of tests begin at 9:45 a.m. At 11 a.m., the second round of tests will be given The third set of tests will be held at 1:30 p.m.

Simultaneously, NSU's Office of Admissions and Recruiting will be holding its annual Spring Senior Day.

Representatives from each of NSU's colleges will be on hand to explain degree programs offered at Northwestern.

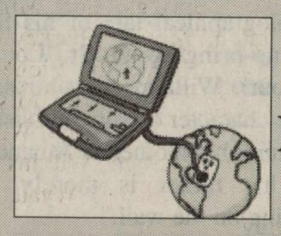
Financial aid officials will also be on hand to discuss scholarships, grants and other available assistance programs for students.

Also as part of Spring Senior Day, prospective students will get to tour Northwestern's campus and historic Natchitoches.

For more information on Spring Senior Day /Credit Connection, contact the Office of Admissions and Recruiting at (318) 357-4503 or (800) 426-3754 in Louisiana or (800) 327-1903 (outside Louisiana).

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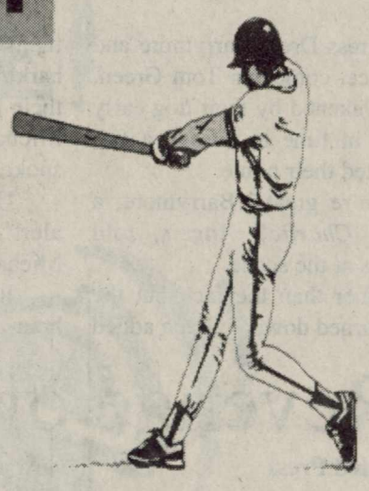




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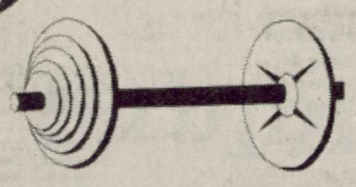
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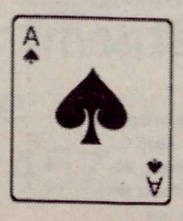


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LIFE: Features

Stress and Your Well-being

By Tara L. Gallien, M.Ed.
LIFE Wellness Columnist

What Is In Your Medicine Cabinet?

Does your medicine cabinet contain any of the following medications? Dexatrim, Acutrim, Alka-Seltzer Plus Cold or Nighttime Cold, Dimetapp DM or Maximum Strength, Triaminic Allergy or DM Cough Formula, Dristan, Robitussin-CF, BC Cold Powder, Tavist-D or Contac 12-Hour.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued a public health warning about these over-the-counter (OTC) medications and other medications because they contain a drug called phenylpropanolamine, also known as PPA.

What is PPA?

PPA is an ingredient used in many OT nd prescription drugs. The ug is used to relieve nasal and sinus congestion and to control weight by suppressing appetite. It is similar in structure to ephedrine and amphetamine, which are central nervous system stimulants.

PPA has been on the consumer market for more than 50 years, despite concerns about its safety. During the 1970s, PPA was one of many OTC drugs under scientific review by the FDA to determine drug safety and effectiveness. Because there were case reports linking the use of PPA to the occurrence of hemorrhagic stroke (bleeding in the brain), the FDA did not give PPA a final safe and effective drug status.

Despite this review, the FDA allowed PPA to be marketed based on recommendations given by expert scientists that PPA was "generally recognized as safe and effective" as a nasal decongestant and for weight control.

Due to continued reports of hemorrhagic stroke and the use of PPA, the FDA requested the pharmaceutical companies conduct a study that would evaluate the risk of hemorrhagic stroke and taking PPA.

In May 2000, the FDA received the results of a study conducted by scientists at Yale University School of Medicine, entitled "Phenylpropanolamine & Risk of Hemorrhagic Stroke: Final Report of the Hemorrhagic Stroke Project."

Who is at risk?

The Yale University study showed that women between the ages of 18 and 49 who take PPA products for weight loss and as a nasal decongestant are at the highest risk for hemorrhagic stroke. Men may also be at risk but because so few men were exposed to PPA in the study, the researchers were unable to determine if their risk for hemorrhagic stroke was different from that of women.

The study did not include individuals under the age of 18; therefore, the risk of hemorrhagic stroke among children and adolescents taking PPA has not been established.

The increase in risk of bleeding stroke was found to be in women who used PPA for weight control, and as a nasal decongestant, in the 3 days after starting use. The amount of PPA consumed at the last dose before suffering stroke ranged from 7 mg to 150 mg. Normal adult doses are 50 mg for immediate release and 75 mg for sustained release preparations. Only 30 percent of the subjects suffering from bleeding stroke exceeded normal adult dosage.

Furthermore, women who ingested PPA as an appetite suppressant, as opposed to a nasal decongestant, were 15 percent more likely as non-users to suffer hemorrhagic stroke. It is estimated that 200 to 500 people suffer PPA-related strokes each year.

However, the number of deaths from PPA-related stroke has not been officially determined.

What products contain PPA?

There are over 400 brand name and generic products containing phenylpropanolamine. The following is a list of the more commonly known and used over-the-counter products. Please check your medicine cabinets for these products: 12-Hour Cold, Alka-Seltzer Maximum Strength Sinus Allergy, BC Non-Drowsy Formula, Bayer Cough Syrup & Syrup for Children, Chlor-Trimetron Sinus Complete, Comtrex Multi-Symptom Cold Reliever, Contac Jr. Children's Cold Medicine, Dimetapp-A, A Pediatric, with Codeine, Extentabs, Maximum Strength Liquigels, Oral Infant Drops, & Plus Caplets, Triaminic Chewables, Cold, DM Expectorant, Oral Infant Drops, & with Codeine, Sinutab SA, Halls Mentho-Lyptus, Decongestant Cough Formula, Tussaminic C Forte, Pediatric, & DH Forte

For a full listing of over-the-counter products containing PPA go to: *www.phenylpropanolamine-ppa.com/pages/ppa-list.html* or use a search engine, such as Yahoo, and type in PPA. Various PPA information sites will be available for you to browse.

FDA Warning

Although the risk for hemorrhagic stroke is low, the FDA warns Americans to quit using products containing PPA "We [FDA] suggest you stop taking the drug immediately and use an alternative".

If you have any questions about this or any other topic, please email me at tarag@nsula.edu.

Tara Gallien currently works for the NSU Human and Health Performance Department and is also an instructor for the college. She has an M.A. in Health Promotion and was previously a personal trainer.

Worth the Wait, *Waiting for Godot*

By Missy Dupreast
Review

Two thumbs up, *Godot* crew. I was very impressed. I commend you for all of your hard work; it surely paid off. My only regret is that I didn't get to see the female version of the play. I saw the male's production on Thursday night, and it was great.

Josh Laird and John Steele portrayed the characters of Didi and Gogo very well. Their relationship was very much like that of an old married couple, from "embrace me!" one minute to "get away from me, you smell," the next. From "I'm lonely" to "I'm leaving," it was very entertaining.

John Chambers, as the buoyant Pozzo, stole the spotlight in the first act. He burst on stage with an overwhelming presence that seemed somewhat terrifying at first but soon sent the entire audience into a fit of laughter.

His slave, Lucky, played by Josh Powell, was quite a sight. I loved the dance! Lucky only speaks once during the play when he is ordered, "Think, pig!" He then freaks out and gives a very lengthy monologue. Unfortunately, none of it could be understood. It was smothered with squeals and moans, and I could only make out a few words here and there.

The overall feel of the play was definitely absurd. Many existential viewpoints were delved into. Existentialism rejects the ideas of rationality and reason. The characters dwell on things that are just rather depressing. Gogo cries out in despair, "I'm unhappy!" And he and Didi plot hanging themselves in the tree. Sounds horrible, right? But no. NSU's theater department made these things funny. It's absurd; I tell you! Beckett would have been proud. Good job, you guys.

I was rather disappointed in the seating arrangements. It took quite a bit of effort to see everything that was going on. During the second act, especially, when all of the characters were lying on the floor, I had to stand up on my chair to see!

I understand the desire for a plain stage with such a production, but for future reference, I suggest getting risers for the audience. I believe it would have helped a great deal.

Waiting for Godot doesn't get anywhere. That is the point. With a play like this, it is easy to see the potential for losing the audience's interest.

Northwestern's theater department definitely held the audience with a firm grip, and made stage worthy the simple and tedious act of waiting.

The Glass Menagerie

By Missy Dupreast
Life Reporter

The Glass Menagerie is underway. Vicki Parrish is directing this play by Tennessee Williams, which has become one of the most successful American plays of the 20th century. Next week, it will be performed here at NSU.

Williams based *The Glass Menagerie* on one of his early short stories, a semi-autobiographical tale of his life and up-bringing in St. Louis, Missouri. Williams saw himself as the character of Tom, his sister as Laura, his mother as Amanda, and his father is merely "a painting on the wall."

At age seven, Williams and his family moved from their "agrarian Eden" to a big, smoggy city. This gave Williams a sense of being an outsider, a recurring theme found in much of his writing.

The most important part of *The Glass Menagerie* is illusion. Illusion, deception and misinterpretation of the facts. Everyone has illusions about themselves and their lives, and Williams emphasizes this through his characters.

The character of Tom, who is also the narrator, directly tells the audience the play is an illusion. *The Glass Menagerie* is a memory. The purpose of this flashback, however, is not merely the production of an illusion that appears true, but instead, it's purpose is to unleash the truth in the disguise of an illusion.

Each of the characters cling to their own illusions. Amanda, Tom's mother, lives in the past. She still believes herself to be the charming belle she once was many years ago. Laura is a shy and withdrawn girl who sees herself within a glass unicorn figurine.

Jim's character, in itself, is seen as an illusion. Amanda believes Jim to be the solution to Laura's problems. Jim, however, has illusions of his own.

Vicki Parrish has chosen two casts for this production. While one cast rehearses, the other watches. This allows the students to express their own interpretations and learn from each other's mistakes and ideas. Being able to do this is very important to educational theater.

"Educational theater offers its actors and technicians opportunities they don't see in the professional world," says Parrish. The students share ideas, adding their own creativity and originality, to fully develop their characters.

The characters are Amanda, played by Devon Riley and Laura West; Tom, played by James Palmer and Stephen Cooper; Laura, played by Karly Pierre and Sabrina Plaisance; and Jim, played by Colin Trahan and James Williams. Caroline Bolter is the assistant director.

The Glass Menagerie is to be performed Feb. 20-23 at 7:30 p.m. in Theatre West of the Creative and Performing Arts building.

Tickets can be picked up at the theater office, and student tickets are free with your NSU I.D.

Top 10 Films for week of February 22nd, 2001

1) *Hannibal*
2) *Down to Earth*
3) *Recess: School's Out*
4) *Sweet November*
5) *Crouching Tiger...*
6) *Traffic*
7) *The Wedding Planner*
8) *CastAway*
9) *Chocolat*
10) *Saving Silverman*

X-men 2 on the Fast-track

Associated Press

Though previously expected to happen, director Bryan Singer has confirmed that he will be helming X-Men 2.

While talking to Empire Online, Singer confirmed he was on board, seemingly half-joking, saying, "I am doing the sequel to X-Men, I think its going to be called something like X-Men 2."

Regarding what we can expect in the coming film, Singer revealed, "We're going to spend a few more bucks, bring in some great new characters in and up the stakes...I'm already working on the script for X-Men 2 now so that's going to take most of my time and energy until I start shooting."

When the financing side of Singer's planned next film, Confessions of a Dangerous Mind fell through, word had been that Singer would be focusing his full attention on the X-Men sequel. Fox is hoping to ramp up production on X-Men 2 in early 2002 with an eye towards a summer 2002 release.

Barrymore and Green Survive Fire

Associated Press

Actress Drew Barrymore and her fiance, comedian Tom Green, were awakened by their dog early Sunday in time to escape a fire that gutted their home.

"We're great," Barrymore, a star of *Charlie's Angels*, told reporters at the scene.

"Other than the fact that the home burned down," Green added as they drove away.

Their dog, Flossie, woke them up around 3:30 a.m. by barking, and "literally banged on their bedroom door," said Eddie Michaels, Barrymore's spokesman.

"Flossie was really the main alert that there was a fire," Michaels said.

It took fire fighters about an hour to douse the flames, Fire Department spokesman Jim Wells said.

Fire fighters estimated damage at $700,000 in the two-story, 3,500-square-foot home north of Beverly Hills.

"The house is totaled. It's a pretty shocking sight to see an entire charred-out house, but it is." said Michaels.

The cause of the blaze is under investigation.

Revenge of the *Seinfeld* Stars

Associated Press

Julia Louis-Dreyfus looks set to become the second *Seinfeld* alumnus with her own show in prime time and is close to signing a deal with NBC for a new series, a network spokeswoman said Tuesday.

Louis-Dreyfus and her husband, writer-producer Brad Hall, are pitching a show in which she plays a lounge singer, according to media reports.

"The actress was shopping the show with several networks, but talks have been focused on NBC over the last week," said network spokeswoman Rebecca Marks.

As for Seinfeld, "I do nothing. A lot of people think doing nothing is really good. I tell you, you can get pretty crammed doing nothing."

Seinfeld, 46, has kept a relatively low profile since his immensely popular TV show *Seinfeld* ended its prime-time run in May 1998.

Early Registration

It is Early Registration time again! Before registration, you must see your advisor for advisement. **Students with a financial hold will not be allowed to early register for the Summer/Fall 2001 semester. Your account balance must be paid by March 21, 2001 to prevent a financial hold from being placed on your record.**

WEB and TELEPHONE REGISTRATION is based on the following classification: Wednesday, March 28, 2001 (Graduate Students and Seniors); Thursday, March 29, 2001 (Juniors); Friday, March 30, 2001 (Sophomores).

Departmental Registration begins on April 2 and ends on April 6, 2001 (Monday-Friday). New, Re-Entry, and Transfer students with less than 30 hours may not register by telephone or Internet. You must go to your major department and see an advisor for advisement and registration.

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MAY 4, 2001

GROUP A:

College of Education, College of Nursing, College of Liberal Arts, and Graduate School.

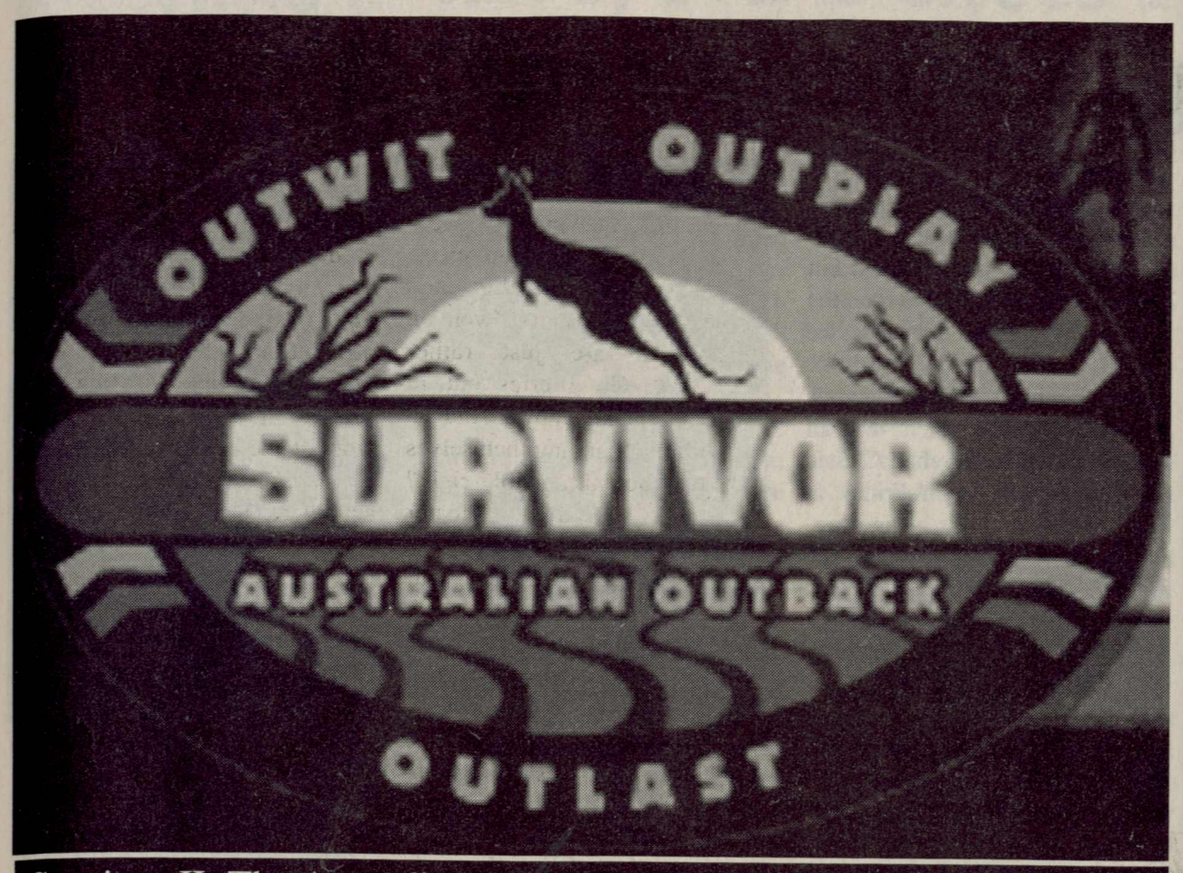
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10:00 a.m. Commencement Ceremony
1:00 p.m. Reception
2:00 p.m. Individual College Recognition Ceremonies

GROUP B:

College of Business, General College, Scholar's College, College of Science/Technology, and (50 Year) Graduate Recognition.

11:00 a.m. Individual College Recognition Ceremonies
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2:00 p.m. Line-up
3:00 p.m. Commencement Ceremony

If you have any questions, please call the Office of the Registrar at (318) 357-6171 or 1-800-807-8849 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Survivor II: The Australian Outback, on CBS every Thursday at 7pm

Reality Shows up for Emmy

Survivor and other reality shows eligible for new Emmys

Associated Press

Reality television shows like *Survivor* will have the chance to earn more than high ratings: the Emmy Awards are adding two new categories to recognize the genre.

The trophies for outstanding nonfiction programs will be given during the Sept. 8 creative arts awards ceremony held a week before the main Emmy show.

``I'm delighted they've decided to allow awards to recognize shows that do this kind of programming,'' Mark Burnett, executive producer of CBS' *Survivor*, told Daily Variety.

He said he was disappointed that the honors wouldn't be given during the Sept. 16 prime-time ceremony airing on CBS.

One new category will recognize entertainment programs that depict people or events in dramatic circumstances. Programs such as the WB's *Popstars* and ABC's **Making the Band** would be eligible. Series that include prizes or contest elements, such as *Survivor* or *Big Brother*, would be eligible in the other new nonfiction program category.

Both new Emmys will be ``area awards,'' in which programs won't compete directly but will receive an award if two-thirds of the category's judges approve. That makes multiple winners possible.

This Years Rat: "The *Survivor* Pig Slaughter"

Associated Press

The slaughter of a pig on *Survivor: The Australian Outback* was condemned Friday as gratuitous and cruel by groups including the Humane Society.

Last Thursday's episode of the CBS reality show, in which contestants fend for themselves in the Australian wild, included a pig being killed by a knife-wielding player.

Wayne Pacelle, senior president of The Humane Society of the United States, said the animal "died and suffered for entertainment purposes masquerading as 'hunting and gathering.'"

A prohibition on acts of animal cruelty should be among the rules governing reality television, Pacelle said.

The slaughter, which was preceded by a viewer advisory, included shots of player Michael Skupin of White Lake, Mich., holding a bloody knife and footage of the dead pig. The stabbing was not shown.

"I feel better about my position now that I've made this kill," a gleeful Skupin said in the episode. Contestants decide which team members are popular or valuable enough to stay in the game. The last player left collects $1 million.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals said it was outraged by what it called "escalating" violence toward animals, including chickens, on the CBS show.

Last year, the group criticized the original *Survivor* when contestants dined on roasted rat.

PETA suggested that a tame pig might have been deliberately placed in harm's way to stage the killing and asked CBS to preserve all unedited videotape relating to the episode.

"PETA's attorneys are in touch with lawyers in Australia who are reviewing existing laws to see whether a criminal act or acts took place," the group said in a statement Friday.

CBS denied the incident was staged and defended the broadcast.

"We firmly believe that our viewers recognize that hunting and fishing as a means of sustenance have been acceptable since the dawn of time," the network said in a statement Friday.

CBS said the show has given exposure to the point of view of vegetarians and animal rights supporters through contestant Kimmi Kappenberg of Ronkonkoma, N.Y., who has opposed meat-eating by other players.

Although most episodes of *Survivor* have been rated PG-TV, suggesting parental guidance, CBS noted that last week's was labeled TV-14.

New Regis co-star plans to talk about kids, just like Kathie Lee

Associated Press

New *Live with Regis and Kelly* co-host Kelly Ripa said she'll talk just as incessantly about her children as her predecessor, Kathie Lee Gifford, once did.

"If you're a mother and you don't talk about your children, there is something very wrong with you," Ripa says in the Feb. 24 TV Guide.

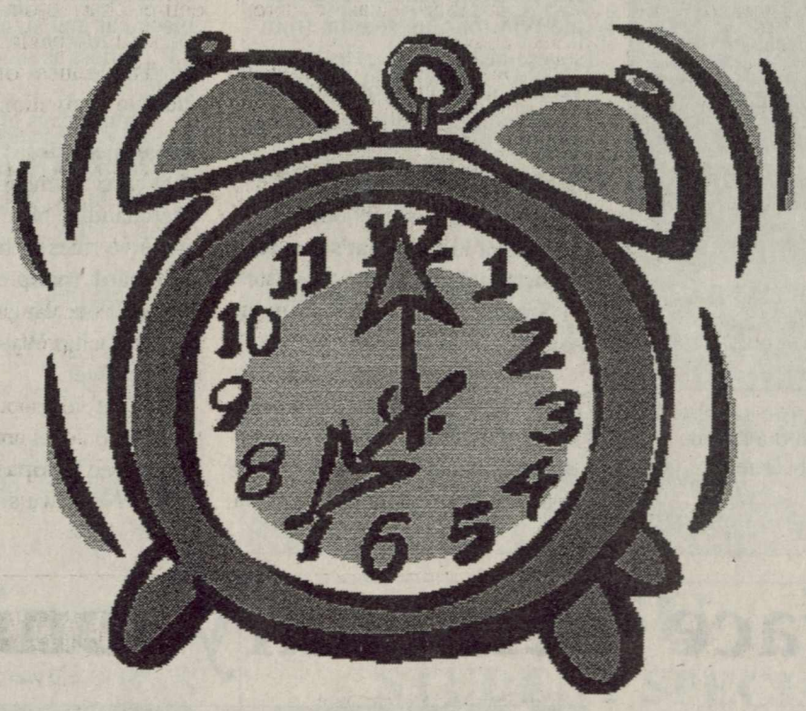
Ripa, who continues to play Hayley Santos on *All My Children*, beat out *Ally McBeal's* Jane Krakowski, Cybill Shepherd, Bernadette Peters and CNBC's Maria Bartiromo for the job.

Regis Philbin was said to prefer Krakowski or actress Lisa Rinna over Ripa, but he eventually warmed to her cheekier style.

He said he's pleased with Ripa, although he liked having different women beside him each week.

"Kelly is damned good and handles this very tricky job with great ease and style," Philbin said. "But I was extremely happy with the rotating co-hosts and the ratings were up."

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Name: _____

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Sports

Tech Wrecked; Demons get revenge in 4-2 win

By Mindy Mixon
Sauce reporter

The Northwestern Demon's defeated Louisiana Tech Bulldogs last night 4-2, increasing their record to 8-2 overall.

Jason Slanina struck out five and allowed only one earned run, securing his first win. Josh Dencausse made his pitching debut in the ninth inning and received his first save of the season.

Kelsey Tomyn hit a slicing grounder through the left side of the field to drive in the first run in the bottom of the 2nd inning. Next up to bat was shortstop Tyler Durham who drove collected two RBI's with his first home run of the season.

Next inning, second baseman David Quattrociocchi, who currently leads the Demon in batting average with a .481, beat out a bunt down the first base line to lead off the third.

Finally Ricardo Solis knocked a ball to deep left field in the 7th to increase the Demon's lead by 4-0.

But late in the eight inning on two Demon errors, the Bulldogs rallied and brought the score to 4-1.

That's the only damage that would be done in the 8th.

Dencausse, with one out, allowed a hit to deep center to drive in one more Bulldog run. The next batter, however, was added to Dencausse's strike out list and now its down to two outs in the 9th. Last batter of the game with two strikes and runners on pounds the ball to the center field fence where Jeremy Hale made the catch.

Earlier this season the Bulldogs beat the Demon's 5-4, so while Head Coach John Cohen was happy with the win, he was far from satisfied.

"I am disappointed in our defense, we weren't in tune. Also we struck out ten times today – that's ten times we didn't put the ball in play and take an advantage."

So while Cohen was "proud of the effort" he was convinced the Demon's are capable of playing better baseball.

Tyler Durham's sentiments echoed those of his coach.

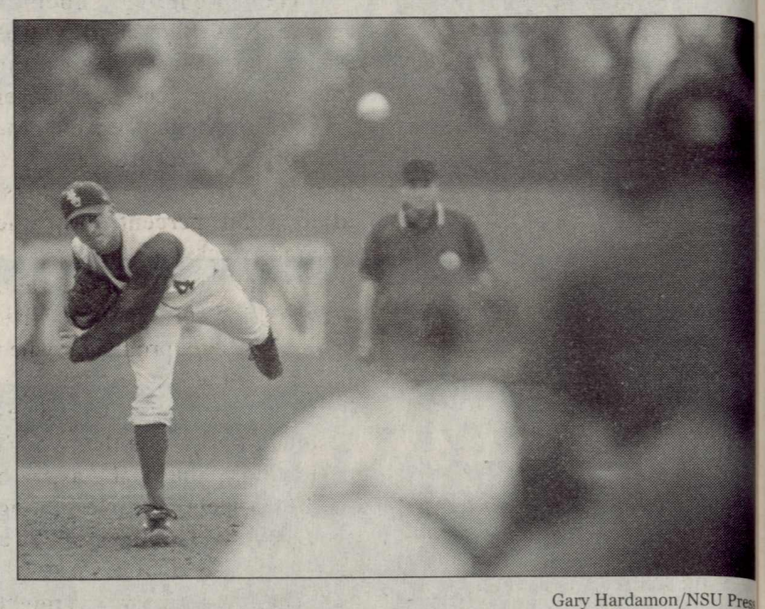
"The home run felt great but we really need to cut down on the number of defense mistakes we make."

This weekend the Demon's are hosting the Ken Moran Trucking Demon Baseball Classic which is set to begin Friday at 4:30.

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Bulldogs	2	9	1

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Gary Hardamon/NSU Press
Solid Demon pitching helped the Demons hold off a late-game Tech rally to win 4-2. The Demons stay at home this Mardi Gras break hosting the Ken Moran Demon Baseball Classic starting Friday

Conference Champs!

Demon Track surprises Southland conference with a dominating performance at the SLC Indoor meet

By Kris Collinsworth
Sauce Reporter

With the total domination the triple jump and the shot put, the Northwestern State men's indoor track-and-field team compiled most of their points and won third the Southland conference championship.

Northwestern State accumulated 54 of the 105 1/2 points in the two events, earning 29 points in the triple jump and 24 in the shot put.

Texas San-Antonio had the second highest total (93) with favorite and defending champion Texas-Arlington taking third (90). Stephen F. Austin (86) placed fourth in the 11-team competition.

Senior Tyson Dilliard won triple jump competition (50-3 1/4) while sprinter Eric Louis posted a 6.79 to triumph in the 60-meter dash.

Senior Gene Tennison bought home the individual shot put title for the Demons (53-0 3/4).

The Southland Conference title is head coach Leon Johnson's fourth in 19 year with Northwestern State. Johnson commanded the Demons to two Indoor SLC crown in 1997 and 1998 and an outdoor championship in 1999.

Thirteen Northwestern State football players aided in the victory. After a fourth place finish all season, Demon triple jumper Tony Taylor placed second in the triple jump, a best finish ever of 49-3 1/2. NSU Purple Swarmists Roy Locks and Chris Jones placed fifth and sixth in the shot put.

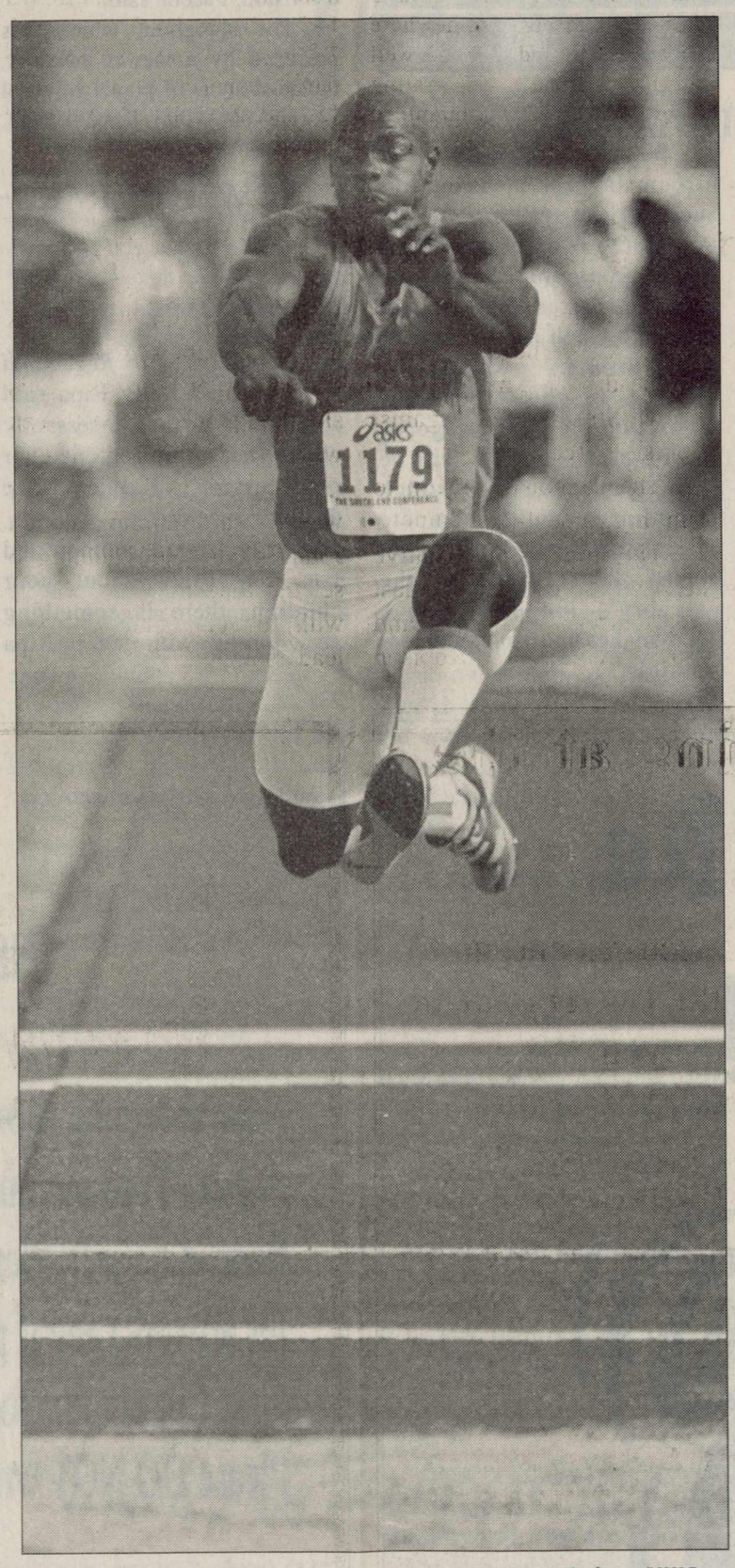
Demon David Williams (49-3) and Shannon Joshua (49-1 1/2) added to the triple jump sweep started Dilliard and Taylor.

A young Northwestern State women's squad, consisting of 17 freshman, placed third (77) among 11 teams.

Texas Arlington won the SLC title scoring 142 points, followed Southwest Texas placing second (117), and Texas-San Antonio finishing fourth(65).

Demon Brittany Littlejohn shined for the women, winning the 60-meter dash with a time of 8.66.

13 of the 77 point scored by Northwestern State's women came from sophomore Jacqueline Canton finished second with 40-4 1/4 and Natchitoches native Stephanie Sowell placing fifth at 40-0.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Press
Tony Taylor's second place finish in the triple jump helped the Demon track team win the conference indoor championships. Lady Demon Brittney Littlejohn won the women's 600-m sprint.

NSU students remember Dale Earnhardt

By Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

The death of driver Dale Earnhardt sent shockwaves throughout the sport of racing it's fans and throughout the world.

Those waves were felt here at NSU. Students and faculty, many of whom are NASCAR fans, were shocked when they heard the news of Earnhardt's death.

"I saw a Coke machine with Dale Earmhardt's picture on it near the downtown police station and it was sad to see it," Junior business major Wes Breeden said. "I'm not a big fan of NASCAR, but it was still sad."

Earnhardt was killed in the final lap of last Sunday's Daytona 500 , the first race of the Winston Cup season, from severe head trauma. His car veered out of control, slamming into the brick wall at nearly 185 mph.

"When you've got cars going that fast, somebody's gonna get killed. That's just an unfortunate part of it," Director of Student Activities Carl Henry said.

"The drivers know that when they get behind the wheel, it could be their time."

Earnhardt is argued by some to be the greatest driver in NASCAR history. In his 22 years of racing, Earnhardt won 76 races, including one Daytona 500 victory in 1998.

"He gave (NASCAR) everything," Freshman CIS major Nicholas Hammonds said.

"It's hard to explain it in words. He died doing what he loved to do."

Earnhardt has been credited by some as the reason the NASCAR tour is a billion-dollar-a-year industry. He was known for his marketing style, with his black car and signature number "3", almost as much as his racing style.

In the days after his death, department stores nationwide that carry Earnhardt's merchandise have recorded massive sales of his products. Earnhardt racing toys and figures have all but vanished at the Natchitoches Wal-Mart Supercenter.

"We've had some of his toy cars sit on shelves for years" employee Christina Armstrong said. "Now, we don't have any."

"We've had some of his toys sit on our shelves for years. Now we don't have any."

- Christina Armstrong,salesperson, Natchitoches Wal-Mart, commenting on the sales of Dale Earnhardt toys in the last week.

Homecoming Dance; Demons face Centenary tonight

Northwestern State piled up 19 runs in two games Sunday, completing an undefeated run to the team championship at the University of Houston Cougar Classic softball tournament.

The Demons whipped East Tennessee State 11-3 and beat Illinois-Chicago 8-4 to go 5-0 in the tournament and improve to 7-2 this season with three wins over teams that played in the 2000 NCAA Tournament, including College World Series participant Southern Mississippi.

Northwestern opened the tournament Friday with a 1-0 win over UIC, which won 52 games last year and played in the NCAA Tournament.

"We're real excited to have beaten Illinois-Chicago twice," said first-year Demon coach Ty Singleton. "That's a program that has been ranked in the Top 25 in each of the past couple of years and clearly they were the team to beat in this tournament. Friday was a tough day to be very offensive with the weather conditions, especially the wind, but we gritted it out and won."

Outfielder Annie Johnston delivered four hits and three runs Sunday to pace the Demon attack. Christina Edgar, Lindsay Leftwich and Lindsey Danzy each had three hits while Tracye Thompson cracked a two-run homer. Leftwich also had a two-run shot.

"Today's offensive showing is the type of performance we look for on a consistent basis. Our hitters couldn't wait for the next opportunity," said Singleton, regarded as one of college softball's top hitting coaches in three seasons as an assistant at Texas before taking over at NSU last August.

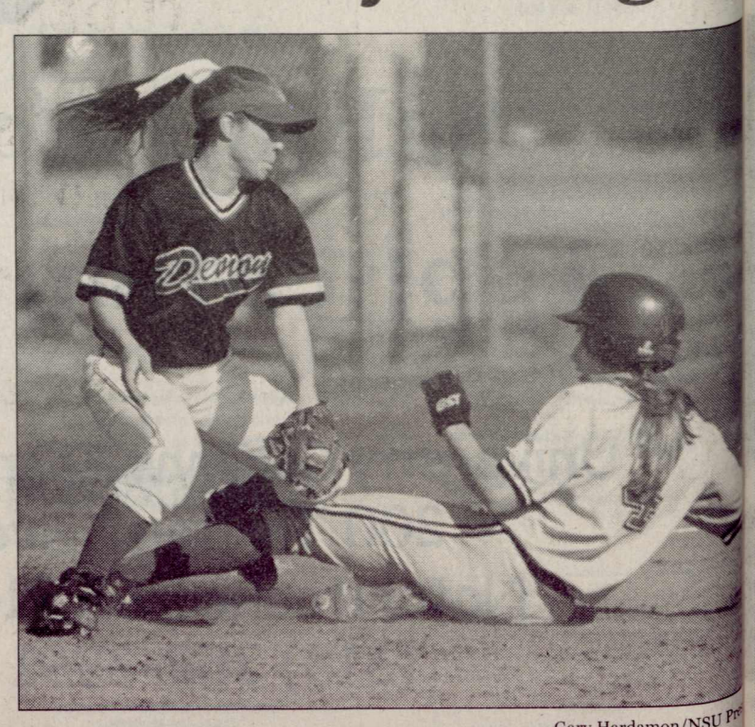
Northwestern took a 4-0 lead over UIC Sunday morning and answered a rally with a decisive four-run outburst in the fifth inning.

Johnston led off NSU's first with a triple and scored on an error. Edgar singled in Danzy for a 2-0 lead. Thompson doubled the margin with her home run an inning later.

Illinois-Chicago tied the game by scoring four times, three unearned runs, in the fourth and fifth innings. The Demons responded immediately when Jana Strickland and Johnston led off the fifth with singles, with Johnston scoring the go-ahead run on Erin Mancuso's ground ball. Erin Palomarez delivered a two-run single and Edgar scored on an error to give a comfortable lead to Amanda Ortego, who struck out 12 and scattered six hits.

A seven-run fifth inning ended the final game against ETSU with a run-scoring double by Palomarez, a two-run double from Mancuso and RBI singles by Danzy and Edgar doing the damage along with a passed ball allowing Leftwich, who had singled, to score.

The Demons play again tonight, making their homefield debut against Centenary in a 6 p.m. contest. They open defense of their third consecutive Southland Conference championship next Saturday against Southwest Texas State at the Demon Diamond.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Pre
Tonight is the first night the Demon Softball team plays at home. They start a 6 p.m. single game against the Centenary Ladies.

From the Sports Editor



By Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

No talking points today. I thought I'd get right into my subject.

Can you believe we're only three Sundays away from Selection Sunday? Can you believe it's almost mid-term? Man, talk about time flying. The Spring semester is usually the longest.

And it's about this time of year where teams in one-bid conferences (like the Southland) start to get their act together. This is the most important time of the year for the Southland conference. Time and time again, the Southland conference has proved that you don't have to be good to go to the NCAA tournament, just great during March 6-11.

To illustrate my point more clearly, imagine not going to English 1020 for the entire semester. You don't do any homework and you forget to do the in-class assignments. You barely eek out a "C" on the paper you did on examples of conflict in the play "MacBeth," and that's only because your girl rented the movie the night before you typed it.

You know you should fail the class. You start thinking about what you're going to tell your parents when they see that report card.

The the professor tells the class, " if you get an 'A', you get an 'A' for the class."

This makes no sense to you. "Why on earth should I be given an opportunity to pass with the grade the smartest people in the class made just because I luck out on the last test?" But you don't question it. You study, study and study even harder for that one test.

And for the smart girl in the class who made "A's" on every test, she's thinking "what was all my hard work for during the semester? Why did I put all this wok into getting a good grade only to have lazybones here pass from one test?" But her cries for equity fall on deaf ears.

Welcome to Southland Conference 1020.

This is a class where passing the mid-term is nice, but not necessary. This is a class that rewards the slacker. Raise your hand? Not in this class.

Take notes? Are you kidding?

In fact, the odds of you passing this class by not taking notes is better that if you do.

Case in point. Last season, the top ranked team in the men's tournament was Sam Houston. They won their first conference championship. They had the top seed in the SLC tournament. They, in a sense, turned the paper in on time.

They also watched the NCAA tournament at home.

Instead, an underachieving, undertalented, extremely unloaded Lamar team went from the No. 6 spot to win three straight games and get an invitation to the big dance.

This is an equivalent to the kid who sleeps in class and always asks for YOUR notes come test time getting a 97% on the final.

As for your test score, well let's just say summer school is right around the corner.

National News

XFL Ratings continue dive, NBC execs fear worst

The XFL is losing viewers at a staggering rate.

The fledgling football league NBC-TV jointly owns with the World Wrestling Federation lost another quarter of its television audience on the network, according to preliminary Week 3 ratings, after a 50 percent drop the previous week.

Most significant, viewership fell below what sponsors were promised when they bought ad time.

And that bad news comes despite a tight game that wasn't decided until the final play, with the Los Angeles Xtreme beating the Las Vegas Outlaws 12-9 on a last-second field goal.

The preliminary overnight rating for Saturday night's XFL broadcast on NBC was 3.8, meaning an average of 3.8 percent of television homes in the country's largest 49 markets were tuned in at any given time.

That represents a 25.5 percent decline from last Saturday's overnight rating (5.1), and a 63 percent fall from the debut broadcast (10.3).

It also left NBC last among the four major networks during prime time on Saturday for the second straight week. The XFL drew about half as many TV households as CBS's prime-time lineup of dramas, and was also well behind ABC and Fox. NBC easily won the night of the XFL opener, boosted by a curiosity factor.

When the full national ratings are released later in the week, the news probably will be even worse.

The national ratings for NBC's first two XFL telecasts dropped between 7.5 percent and 10 percent from the overnight numbers. A similar fall would leave the Week 3 national rating somewhere between 3.4 and 3.5 — well short of the 4.5 rating advertisers were guaranteed their commercials would reach.

Each rating point represents a little more than 1 million TV homes.

Repeating a pattern from the first two games, the audience either decreased or was flat for each half-hour from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. EST on Saturday, before getting a lift during the last hour.

There was noticeably less WWF influence and promotion during the Week 3 program, while rule changes instituted to speed the games worked. The show ended right at 11 p.m., about 45 minutes earlier than the week before.

The plummeting ratings mirror what happened to the USFL, another outdoor spring football league.

The USFL — which, unlike the XFL, lured some top talent from the NFL11 — went from a 14.2 rating in its first game to 7.4 in its second in 1983. The rating dropped to 3.3 by Week 15, and the USFL folded after three seasons.

What is your XFL nickname?

We asked you what would you put on the back of your XFL jersey. Here's some of your responses



"B.O.S.S.- It stands for 'Big Ole' Sexy Sometin'"

- James Drayton
Senior, Gen. Studies

"Big Nasty. Because I'm big and i'm nasty."



-Cedric L. Williams
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- David Williams
Jr. Math

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Robison named SLC Hitter of the Week

Senior slugger Jordan Robison of Northwestern State, who batted .632 in five games last week, was named Monday as the Southland Conference Baseball Hitter of the Week.

Robison, who played right field, center field and first base last week, helped Northwestern go 4-1 on the week, raising the Demons' record to 7-2 heading into a Wednesday 4 p.m. game at Brown-Stroud Field against Louisiana Tech.

The Demons went on to win that game 4-2.

The Iona, Idaho native had 12 hits in 19 at bats last week, scored 12 runs and drove in eight more. Robison had a home run, two triples and six doubles along with three stolen bases. His slugging percentage last week was a gaudy 1.317 average.

"Jordan had a monster week," said Demon coach John Cohen. "He is helping to set the tone for our ballclub with his play and with his leadership."

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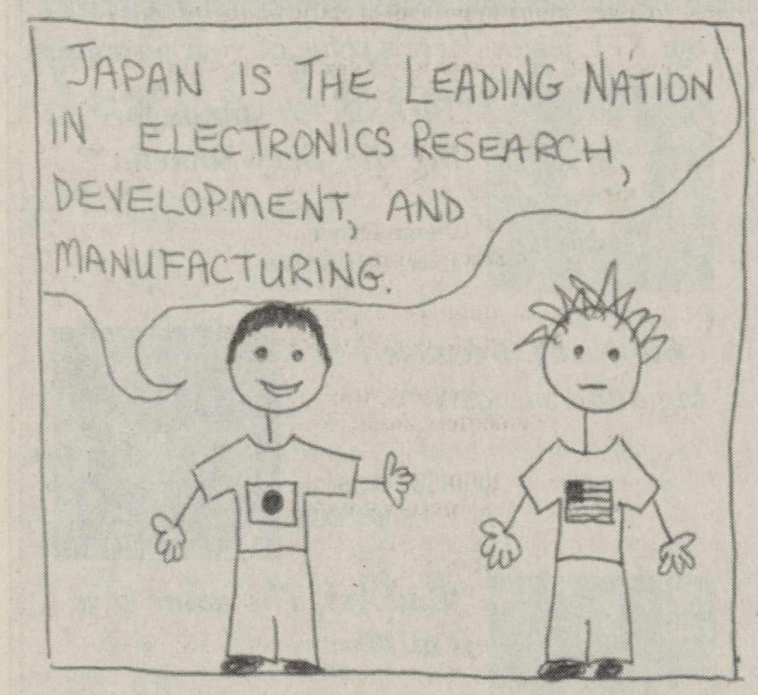
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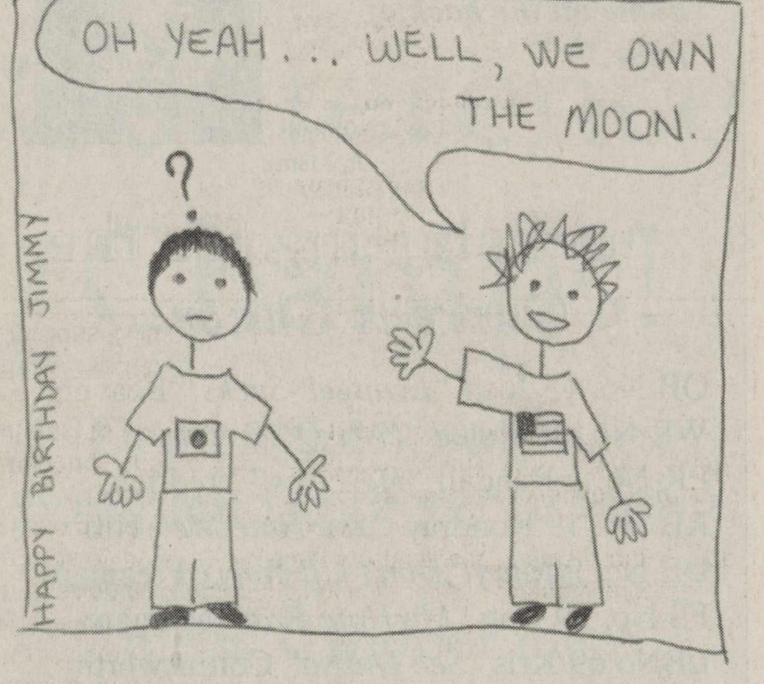
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The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly

with Josh Beavers

The world of sports lost one of its biggest and best figures this past weekend at the Daytona 500.

Stock car racer Dale Earnhardt, the man known as the *Intimidator*, was on the wrong end of a "rub" on the final turn of the final lap of the race. He spun out, bashed into fellow racer Ken Schrader and then ran head on into the turn four embankment.

Doctors say he died on impact.

This was a sad day for many, including me. I grew up watching racing before it was considered "cool." My favorite driver was good old No. 3, and there wasn't a prettier sight than that black and silver car crossing the finish line for victory after victory.

His seven Winston Cup championships set a Nascar record. Along with this, he earned $41 million in winnings throughout his career, not to mention the millions upon millions from endorsements.

With the retirement of Michael Jordan, Earnhardt was perhaps the most well known active athlete in today's sports world.

One local radio show host said Earnhardt was perhaps the second biggest star behind new sensation Jeff Gordon. This is like saying Michael Jordan was no longer the number one guy just because Shaquille O'Neal entered the picture. Sorry Jeff, but the buck stops with No. 3.

I've been to the Talledega Speedway for the Diehard 400. There are over 200,000 fans there, and at least half are Earnhardt fans.

While it is true many say Earnhardt is like the Dallas Cowboys - you either love him or hate him, there is no middle ground, everyone is going to miss the *Intimidator*.

Earnhardt was the real deal on the track and off. Fans can recount tales of Earnhardt staying for hours after a race, as long as there were fans, to sign autographs.

In this day and age of gangster rapping NBA stars and girlfriend murdering NFL stars, Earnhardt and his fellow Nascar racers were a breath of fresh air in a sports world that reeked of a Natchitoches sewer.

He cared about his coworkers and his fans. As a result, his coworkers and fans cared about him.

We're gonna miss you Dale. Let's hope you're giving a lecture on the finer points of "rubbin" at that big race track in the sky.



Grizzlies in New Orleans playing ball?

An AP Analysis
By ALAN SAYRE
AP Business Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) _ Word that pro basketball's Vancouver Grizzlies are tired of losing money in Canada put New Orleans in the odd position of trying to keep its NFL team while attempting to nab an NBA franchise.

There are a lot of crossover factors to gauge whether the Saints will stay and if the Grizzlies - or some other NBA team - will ever come to Louisiana. In both cases, the math works against New Orleans.

The Saints are now talking with Gov. Mike Foster's administration about a new deal at the Superdome. No one else knows for sure yet what owner Tom Benson wants: more Superdome revenue, a new stadium, or maybe an excuse for hightailing it out of town.

Foster has said that even in the best case, including sold-out stands that were rare in recent years until the past season, the Saints are doomed to be chronic money-losers within a few years unless they get a new deal.

Glad to be asked about something besides the Saints last week, Doug Thornton, general manager of the New Orleans Arena and the Superdome, excitedly pointed to the new ``NBA-ready'' facility that has the seats and the luxury boxes that are expected for pro basketball.

But if the Saints have trouble filling the Superdome profitably for eight home games a year, consider that an NBA team has to do that 41 times a season. And seeing a game in either league costs about the same for a family of four _ around $250.

Back in the 1970s, the NBA's New Orleans Jazz sold tickets for $7 before moving away to Utah. A good NFL ticket could be had for about $10. And the regional economy had plenty of jobs that provided consumers with money for tickets and corporate support of pro teams.

For a time when the Superdome first opened in 1975, the baseball Baltimore Orioles considered moving in, but the deal never went anywhere.

The oil crash of the 1980s, aggravated by the evacuation of corporate headquarters from New Orleans in the '90s, changed the picture. The area had to work hard in recent years _ including the construction of a new park _ to land top-level minor league baseball.

Thornton said the current economic climate is a challenge. ``That's something a potential owner would have to evaluate,'' he said.

A year ago, Vancouver's corporate community pledged to help save the Grizzlies. That played a part in the NBA's decision to scuttle the team's sale and move to St. Louis, now considered in pro quarters to be a dumb move. For whatever reason, the support hasn't come through strongly enough, putting the Grizzlies up for grabs again.

Corporate support of any pro sports franchise is a vital ingredient in these days when players are paid tens of millions of dollars. Filling up an arena _ the New Orleans stadium has 18,000 seats _ simply doesn't cut it. Somebody has to lease those luxury boxes and it's not the average fan who will pay $25,000 to $33,000 per year, the current going rate in New Orleans. Generally, the checks are cut by companies that want to use the suites for business perks.

Twenty years after the Jazz departed, New Orleans has Texas-based Compaq Corp. sponsoring its local PGA tournament. Such corporate names as First Commerce Corp., K&B Drugs and Louisiana Land & Exploration are long gone and Entergy Corp. is planning to merge and go to Florida.

Another source of money is local and regional television rights. According to Nielsen, the New Orleans TV market ranks 42nd in size in the United States. Three of the competing cities for the Grizzlies _ Anaheim, St. Louis and Nashville _ have larger markets. Two others, Las Vegas and Louisville, are growing.

One major difference between the NBA and the NFL is that all but pre-season games in the NFL are sold on national television contracts that are divided evenly by the teams. Other than that, Benson already is very familiar with the same bottom-line worries that an NBA owner would have to deal with.

The Grizzlies are dropping about $40 million a year already and teams generally don't move to lose more. Unless the NBA knows something different from Benson, who has never been accused of being a dullard in business, the Grizzlies will be playing somewhere else next year. And the math says it won't be New Orleans.

A new nightmare for Landrieu?

By GUY COATES
Associated Press Writer

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) _ Will Election Commissioner Suzanne Haik-Terrell become Sen. Mary Landrieu's biggest nightmare?

Terrell's announcement earlier this week that she will not seek a second term as elections commissioner added to reports that had already been circulating - Terrell would step into the 2002 Senate race as the Republican standard bearer.

Congressman John Cooksey, R-Monroe, and already an announced candidate, was not surprised.

``Susie is a friend, and we discussed this last fall,'' Cooksey said in an interview. ``She said, 'If you are going to run, I won't.' I took her at her word. I assumed that would still be her position, but I received indications in recent weeks that she is running again.''

Cooksey added that Terrell ``has done a great job'' in the state post and will be formidable because she has a statewide base, something Cooksey has yet to build.

Terrell has been praised by legislators for cleaning up the elections office, returning several million dollars to the state treasury.

She took over the office that had been held for 20 years by Democrat Jerry Fowler, who went to federal prison this week for corruption in office.

Terrell is saying nothing other than noting ``there has been speculation, mainly because I'm the only woman statewide elected official who is Republican.''

Landrieu, who labels herself as a moderate Democrat, will not talk about an election campaign that is a year away from heating up.

Faced with the uncomfortable fact that a majority of the state's voters went for President Bush last year, Landrieu unofficially started her re-election race when she voted against Bush's designee for attorney general, John Ashcroft.

Her vote, the opposite of fellow Democrat Sen. John Breaux, came after the National Republican Senatorial Committee officially targeted her for defeat in the next election, thus assuring the anointed GOP candidate of plenty of campaign money. No one has been anointed yet.

While Cooksey is a political question mark and not well known, Terrell can cause major problems for the first term senator.

A former New Orleans City Council member, Terrell can cut into Landrieu's New Orleans home base and make a dent in the all important vote of white middle class women.

While Landrieu would retain the black vote and that of loyalist Democrats, including organized labor, Terrell would presumably get most of the conservative vote, according to political analyst Elliott Stonecipher of Shreveport.

With the Senate split 50-50 and the Republicans desperately looking for the best candidates in the 2002 elections, the national GOP will do the anointing of those candidates, Stonecipher said.

``I'm trying to convince people to vote for me and I'm more concerned about them than I am the power brokers in Washington,'' said Cooksey.

Two major Republicans in the race would put Landrieu back in office and no one knows that better than the national GOP. President Bush would step in at that point, Stonecipher said.

What would Cooksey do if Bush asked him to step aside for Terrell? ``I want to do first what is best for the United States and, second, what is best for the state and for the people of Louisiana,'' the congressman said.

Landrieu knows that every vote she casts will be scrutinized and if Bush gets even more popular in Louisiana, any vote that goes against his programs can hurt her, most analysts agree. At the same time, she is in a Catch 22. With all the Republican money ready to be spent, she needs her national party's complete support.

In the first crucial vote this year, when push came to shove, she voted against Ashcroft, who is seen by blacks as their enemy. Landrieu also has to make sure a black does not get into the Senate race.

Her chance for the governor's chair in 1995 was spoiled by state Sen. Cleo Fields, the first black since at least Reconstruction to make a runoff in the governor's race. She ran third. Fields then lost to Gov. Mike Foster.

The Senate race may well be a major factor in the next governor's race.

The loser in the Senate race would be well positioned for the 2003 governor's race.

Look at the 1971 governor's race and how some of the losers fared the following year: Bennett Johnston, who ran second to Edwin Edwards in the Democratic primary, won the Senate race while Gillis Long, who ran third, won a Congressional seat.

Dave Treen, the Republican primary winner defeated by Edwards in the 1972 general election for governor, also won a congressional seat that year.

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A room on the second floor in the south wing of Sabine Hall was destroyed Thursday night after a burning candle fell on a bed. The fire was put out by the Natchitoches Fire Department. Residents were evacuated from their rooms for nearly two hours. No one was injured in the fire.

Fire burns dorm room

By Elona Boggs
Sauce Reporter

A fire destroyed a room in Sabine Hall Thursday night, after a resident left a burning candle unattended on the headboard of her bed.

The fire happened about 7 p.m. on the second floor of the south wing. The Natchitoches Fire Department and the University Police responded to the fire, managing to limit damage to the room.

Natchitoches Fire Chief Bob Hebert ruled the fire accidental. According to Hebert, burn patterns indicated that the candle fell onto the bed and ignited the mattress.

Nearly 200 residents were in the building at the time of the fire. Cynthia Peoples, resident on second south, said she smelled smoke and saw it billowing from under the door of the room. Peoples then sounded the alarm.

"I said 'fire' and everyone started peeking their heads out," Peoples said. "That's when I pulled the alarm."

Resident Renada White was also on the hall when the fire started.

"At first, we thought someone was in there," White said. "We were scared."

The dormitory had a fire drill the week before this incident, which may have aided in the successful evacuation according to Assistant Area Coordinator of Sabin Tameka Lester.

"The drill helped everyone learn the procedure," said Lester. "It made it easier to get everyone out."

Students were evacuated into the parking lots but later moved into the front lobby. There, resident assistants and housing officials kept them informed of the damage.

Residents affected by the fire were offered relocations for the night to other residence halls. After the fire was extinguished and the building was inspected for residual fumes, residents were allowed to return to their rooms.

Fire officials returned throughout the night to monitor the room as well as the smoke. Residents were out of their rooms for about two hours. No injuries were reported.

Times-Picayune writer to speak at University

By Bridget Woods
Sauce Reporter



Elie

On Monday, a well known and established Louisiana journalist, Lolis Eric Elie, will be speaking at the University for the Newsmakers and Shakers Open Forum, an open forum where students can interact and ask questions of Elie.

Lolis Eric Elie is a successful journalist and a columnist for the *Times-Picayune* newspaper. He will be the guest speaker of the forum and begin his speech at 2 p.m. in the University television studio in room 142 in Kyser Hall. During the forum, Elie will speak on different topics including politics, diversity issues, music and issues facing young journalists.

Mary Brocato, assistant professor of broadcast journalism, invited Elie to the Newsmakers and Shakers Open Forum. Brocato believed Elie would make a good speaker for NSU because of his educational background.

"We thought he would bring some diverse views," Brocato said.

Lolis Eric Elie graduated from the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce in Pennsylvania. The New Orleans native attended Columbia School of Journalism in New York where received a master's degree. He also has a master's degree in creative writing from the University of Virginia. He has taught university courses, led summer projects to Africa, co-authored a book and traveled as road manager with Wynton Marsalis.

Immediately after the forum, students interested in the *Times-Picayune* internship program may attend a reception. The reception will give students a chance to meet Elie, ask questions and discuss possibilities of becoming an intern at a newspaper company with an outstanding reputation.

Brocato also stated all students are welcome to attend the reception and talk with Elie about the newspaper's intern program.

Students with all majors should be interested and are considered for the program, especially students who are majoring in liberal arts, English, creative writing and history.

"The *Times-Picayune* has a very competitive program. It's considered one of the best," Brocato said.

Although the Newsmakers and Shakers Open Forum is primarily for students, Brocato stated everyone is welcome to attend the even. She feels everyone will enjoy Elie's speech and can benefit from the discussion.



Demons and Lady Demons advance to semi-finals

The NSU Demons and Lady Demons are now one step closer to getting into the NCAA tournament. The Lady Demons advanced to the semi-finals for a third straight year after defeating Southeastern Louisiana 82-60. The Lady Demons are riding a 14-game winning streak into the CenturyTel Center in Bossier City. Senior Kia Converse (left) led the Lady Demons past Southeastern Louisiana by scoring a season-high 27 points. Converse also broken the school and Southland Conference records after hitting three three-pointers against Southeastern Louisiana. The Lady Demons tip off at 6 p.m. Tuesday night against Louisiana-Monroe.

The NSU Demons are also advancing to the semi-final round of play after defeating Nicholls State 68-61 on Tuesday. The Demons have won their third straight game. The Demon defense led by Josh Hancock (bottom foreground) and Ryan Duplessis (bottom background) will roll into the CenturyTel Center in Bossier City. The Demons forced 26 turnovers against Nicholls State on Tuesday. The Demons tipoff against Texas-San Antonio at 8 p.m. Friday night.

Photos by Gary Hardamon

Basketball teams one step closer to big dance

By Kris Collinsworth
Sauce Reporter

Northwestern State's men and women teams both advanced to the CenturyTel Southland Conference Classic after the Demons upset the Nicholls State Colonels 68-61 and Kia Converse broke SLC and Northwestern State Lady Demon records in a 82-60 win.

The Lady Demons face Louisiana-Monroe Thursday evening at 6 p.m., saddled on the fifth-longest active winning streak in the nation. Northwestern State men's team will do battle with No. 2 seed Texas-San Antonio, who outlasted No. 7 Southwest Texas 71-69.

The Demons (16-12), winning three straight and getting their fifth win in six games, committed 12 turnovers, while the Colonels (14-14) handed the ball around 26 times, giving the Demons control for the last five minutes.

Tied at 53-53, Northwestern State got a 3-pointer and two free shots from Michael Byars Dawson, then followed up with a layup and a free throw from Ryan Duplessis, Senior Chris Thompson thieved the ball twice to give the Demons a 61-53 lead.

Thompson posted 13 points and a career high 7 steals, 5 boards and 4 steals and tied a tournament record for steals with NBA great Joe Dumars. Byars-Dawson tallied 13

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Webb keeps his promise

By Bess Renfrow
Sauce Reporter

When Randall Webb took over as president of Northwestern State University, he told the students and faculty that his number one goal was national accreditation for all programs.

As of the present date, thirty-one out of thirty-three are accredited, and the other two are being reviewed. These thirty-three programs were on the original Board of Regents list. However, the Board of Regents has changed the list, and some of the original programs do not require mandatory accreditation now.

Webb believes accreditation in all of the original programs will be beneficial to the University.

"Accreditation is evidence of the fact that, overall, the university meets a wide variety of standards," said Webb.

The Technology Commission of the Accreditation Board for Energy and Technology are in the process of reviewing the associates degree in electronic technology and the bachelor's degree in electronic engineering technology at the University for national accreditation. There is a lengthy process involved in gaining national accreditation.

The first step is a self-study done by the faculty and head of the department. This study looks at the quality of the faculty, their scholarly activities and the quality of the program taught. One of the main things they look at, however, is the feeling of the

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University hopes to increase students' personal safety

By Bess Renfrow
Sauce Reporter

It has been said Northwestern is the university "where students come first." True to this promise, the administration has begun a new program to help educate students about safety.

The Student Safety Committee is a board consisting of administration and students. The purpose of this board is to increase student awareness of personal safety issues through education in order to foster personal responsibility for actions and behaviors.

Members of the committee are Doug Prescott, a University police officer, Woody Blair, the director of housing, Rob Martin, director of the University Columns, Tammie Pezant, safety officer, and students Micheal Addison, Terrica Wallace, Nettie Krepper and Charles McBee. Catherine Cunningham is the chair of this committee. Cunningham is a social worker and was recently hired as a member of the staff for student services.

The committee plans to provide outreach and information to students through articles, flyers, posters, events, tablesits and other activities.

"We believe that the more you know, the safer you live," Cunningham said.

The committee plans on

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Campus Connections

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
The SGA offers free scantrons to students every Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 222 of the Student Union. You will need a student I.D. to take advantage. Also, the students may stop by the Book Swap Board to look for books they may need for a cheaper rate.

WESLEY WESTMINSTER FOUNDATION
Students can have lunch at the Wesley Westminister Foundation (between Magee's and The Ink Spot) on Tuesday from 11:30 until 1 p.m. The first visit is free and $1 each time thereafter. Worship services are held from 6:30-7:30 pm each Wednesday.

COLLEGE DEMOCRATS
College Democrats conduct informational meetings every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union.

COLLEGE REPUBLICANS
College Republicans meet every Wednesday at 5 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union.

STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE
Meetings are held every Wednesday at noon in room 224 of Russell Hall. All majors welcome.

CATHOLIC STUDENT ORGANIZATION
The CSO would like to invite all students to join the CSO for fun, fellowship, and a free meal every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church (located on Second Street). You do not have to be Catholic to join in on the fun; every student is welcome. There is also a student Mass held every Sunday at 9:30 p.m. For more information call Amy Dowden at 352-2615.

NSU CLUB SOCCER
NSU Club Soccer is open to anyone who wants to play soccer on a collegiate level. The NSU Club Soccer team meets everyday behind Watson Library from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information contact Cesar Isgitt at 354-6483.

BIBLE STUDY
There will be an interdenominational Bible Study held each Tuesday night at 8:45 p.m. in Room 100 of Morrison Hall.

CHI ALPHA
We invite you to come and worship with us each Thursday night in the Student Union lounge for "Thursday Night Live" at 7 p.m.

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION
The Native American Student Association will be meeting on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Thursdays at 6 p.m. All students are welcome to attend.

PHI MU FRATERNITY
Phi Mu Fraternity would like to remind its members: March 8- IFC Social, Bible Study at 8 p.m.; March 9- Decorate for State Day in the Ballroom at 4 p.m., pick up State Day shirts at that time also; March 10- State Day; March 11- Informal meeting at 8 p.m.; March 12- Capture the flag with Kappa Sigma from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.; March 13- "Strut"; March 14- Chariot Race; March 15- Greek Awards, exchange with Theta Chi.

SPANISH CLUB
The Spanish Club meets every Wednesday at 3 p.m. in room 404 of Kyser Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP
NSU's Office of Financial Aid will be hosting a Financial Aid Night, Wednesday, March 21, at 6 p.m. in the President's Room of the Student Union. Loan officers and Financial Aid officials will be on hand to answer questions concerning Financial Aid, help students renew 2001-2002 FASFA's and help students complete Financial Aid data forms. Please note, those students requiring assistance completing 2001-2002 FASFA's must bring your or your parents' tax returns.

INTRAMURAL
On March 13 the IM will sponsor a bungee run and jousting games for non-greeks during Greek Week. The games will begin at 11 a.m. and last until 1 p.m. and will take place in front of the IM building. The games are free with an NSU student I.D.

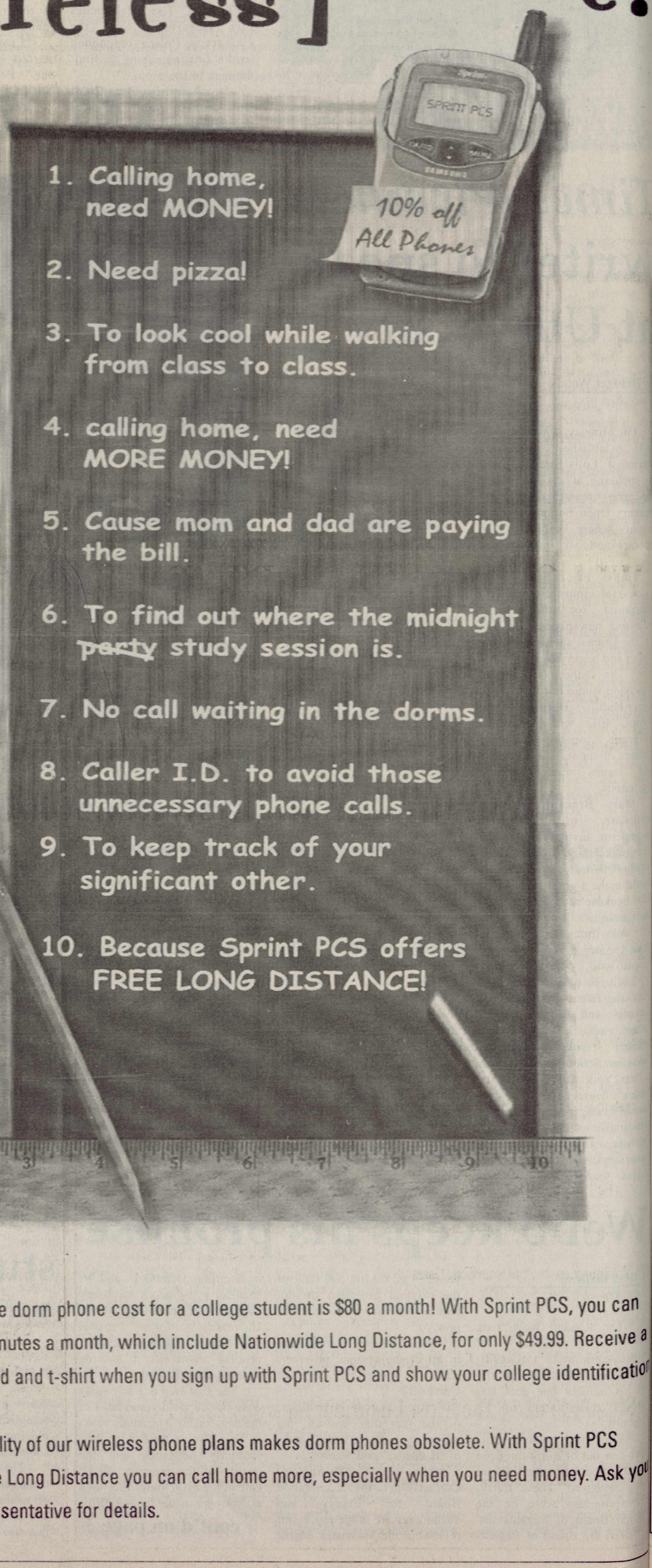
SOCIAL WORK CLUB
The Social Work Club will have a meeting on March 12 at 12 p.m. in room 309 of Kyser Hall. Please bring $2 for pizza. All students are welcome to attend.

SPIRIT GROUP AUDITIONS
The Office of Admissions and Recruiting would like to announce the dates for spirit group auditions for the 2001-2002 year. Northwestern's dance line, the Demon Dazzlers, will hold tryouts March 31. Cheerleader and "Vic the Demon" tryouts are scheduled for April 21 through April 22. The Purple Pizzazz Pom Pon Line auditions will be April 28. Anyone interested in obtaining an application for spirit group auditions should contact Martha Hooper at 357-4503. Applications can be picked up at the Admissions Office in Roy Hall.

KAPPA SIGMA
The Kappa Sigma "Male Sale" is tonight at 9 p.m. All proceeds will go to our national philanthropy, St. Jude's Children's Hospitals. To get an invitation to the "Male Sale", please see any active, holdover or pledging member of Kappa Sigma.



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SGA Minutes 3/5/01

I. Call to Order- 7:05 p.m.

The prayer was led by Glenn Ward. The pledge was led by Chante Bellard.

Roll Call:

Present
Chante Bellard
Vanessa Byrd
Buster Carlisle
Jonathan Chance
Greg Comeaux
Matthew Comeaux
Stacie Cosby
Craig Coutee
Jessica Cramer
William Eilers
Will Hooper
Elizabeth Hughes
Dustin Matthews
Tara Newman
Jeremiah Newsom
Justin Owen
Shelly Smith
Shymika Stephenson
Frank Toro
Glenn Ward
Brian Wilkinson
Wayne Bush
Rusty Broussard
David Gunn

Absent
Leanna Anderson
Dustin Floyd
Peyton Giddons
Lacie Jackson
Shaun Jackson-excused
Jeremy Malmay-excused
Ben Nihart
Jennifer Whittington

II. Executive Reports

Treasurer- Wayne Bush
Current Available- $4,008.90
Less- Organizational Grants and SGA Banquet(Vanessa will approximate the cost of this.) We have been giving away a lot of scantrons this semester.
Some large expenses- $1,500.00 for conference that we held. $9,500.00 for SGA scholarships. $3,000.00 for half of the Freshman Connection T-shirts.
The balance of the SGA should not be seen as a negative thing; it is a strong sign of a very active Senate. We are using student fee money to benefit the students, which is our purpose. I ask the Senate to be frugal when considering legislation that requires monies to be spent. Thank You.

Vice President- Rusty Broussard
David Gunn, the senators, and I have been traveling with COSGA. It was great. Breakfast with the President is tomorrow with Panhellenic. David Gunn and Mr. Henry volunteered to go since Rusty Broussard could not. Rusty Broussard is resigning from Commissioner of Elections for personal reasons.

President- David Gunn
Welcome back from the Mardi Gras break. Since our last meeting, we've had groups attend COSBP and COSGA; those that attended COSGA will speak about the conference during their reports. Filing open tomorrow. I can't emphasize enough the importance of us promoting the election. Glenn and Liz (external affairs and election board) need to work together to get signs and fliers promoting the election and telling applicants where to pick up their applications, deadlines, requirements, etc. In your folders you will find information regarding the Board of Regents master plan for higher education in Louisiana, (explanation of impact on NSU) also, There will be a public hearing tomorrow evening at 6:00 p.m. at the Louisiana schools academic building. I encourage all interested individuals to attend. I have a special presentation on Tech Fees.
Special Presentation- David Gunn thoroughly discussed the history, current challenges, future challenges, desired opportunities, possible solutions, and ITAC revitalization through the use of a PowerPoint Presentation.

III. COSGA Reports

Chante Bellard- The workshops she attended were mostly concerned with promoting the SGA on campus. She commends the SGA for doing such a great job this year. She received a lot of information that will help.

Jonathan Chance- Our SGA is very efficient, and he has school spirit now. The Vision Document is a committee that writes out a four-year plan with goals for the SGA.

Stacie Cosby- She learned more at the round tables than in workshops. The Women's Leadership Conference wasn't as good as she had expected.

Jessica Cramer- She agrees with everyone else. The Teacher Evaluation workshops were helpful but useless because the school giving it was a private school. She has more ideas on the Drunk Driving Car Pool Program.

Jeremiah Newsom- He agrees with everyone else also. He attended Freshmen Programs workshops which were good. The Parliamentary Procedure workshop was useless.

IV. New Business

Notice of Intent to Remove:
Lacie Jackson - 2 unexcused official meeting absences, 3 weeks incomplete office hours
Ben Nihart- 3 weeks incomplete office hours
Stacie Cosby- 2 unexcused official meeting absences

Jeremiah Newsom moved to approve Caprina William to replace Sarah Griffith on the election board as the non-SGA member.
Chante Bellard seconded.
The motion passed-general consent.

V. Department Reports

SAB- Will Hooper
Coffeehouse tonight at 8. Bossier Movie Night is April 10. Spring Fling is schedules for March 26-30. Drive-In movie is "Meet the Parents." Thursday night will be the concert.

Academic Affairs- Jessica Cramer
We finished survey for academic programming. I also got in touch with Lillie Bell for CRC (I am now on her contact list). She has looked at calendar, but the schedule is already printed.

External Affairs- Glenn Ward
We will start promoting the election.
We are trying to get a permanent banner to place outside of the Student Union.

Fiscal Affairs- Wayne Bush
Meet Friday at 2pm.
Club Sports- Frank Toro
Met last Friday (karate, rugby, and bowling were most popular sports last semester)
Put up a new set of sign up sheets for those sports.

Organizational Grants- Matt Comeaux
We discussed 7 grants at the last meeting. Most grants didn't fall in the guidelines.
We are meeting Monday at 5pm with organizations that turned in an application.

Fee Review- Greg Comeaux
Committee needs to meet after the meeting.

Internal Affairs- Vanessa Byrd
We are working on end of the year banquet. We have made amendments to the by-laws. Please get a copy. Please show up to your committees and department meetings. There is a list in office of what you should be attending. We need more legislation this semester.
Election Board- Elizabeth Hughes
Filings open tomorrow. Signs should be up by tomorrow. Filings close the 20th. Senators at Large need to file.

Student Affairs- Justin Owen
We met today at 3pm and discussed potholes around campus. We are in the process of making legislation for this. Forum Committee meets Wednesday at 2pm.

Advisor's Report-Mr. Henry
COSGA- We have experience from attending these conventions for years. He and Jeremiah went to see Rudy's presentation on the last day of COSGA. I caution the SGA with money, wait to use money for next fiscal year. Everyone needs to learn the Master Plan for Education. It is very important to NSU.

VI. Announcements

Traffic Appeals meets next Monday at 2pm.

Traffic and Parking meets next Tuesday at 2pm.

David Gunn encouraged to attend the public hearing tomorrow night.

Rusty Broussard needs to speak with Glenn Ward after the meeting.

Matt Comeaux stressed the importance of promoting the election.

Vanessa Byrd said she didn't want to discourage the SGA by expressing the need for more legislation. We did very good last semester and hopes the SGA can do even more this semester.

Rusty Broussard has legislative ideas if anyone would like to speak to him.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

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president and vice-president towards the program itself.

If the program has the backing of the administration, then the board is more likely to consider the program more seriously than if it did not.

After the self-study is done, a team from the review committee is sent to the campus for a visit. They meet with the faculty and administration, discuss the program and what they wish to see and look over the buildings.

Finally, there are follow-up reports from both the committee and the University. The self-study for national accreditation in electronic technology and electronic engineering technology was done in October.

Webb expects to hear from the commission in late August or early September and is confident this new venture will lead to success.

Safety, cont'd from page 1

doing one outreach per month with the focus on different aspects of student safety each month. These aspects include residential life, relationships, safe drinking, stress management, drugs, fire safety and self-protection.

There are plans to have a self-defense speaker next fall. If there are any questions or concerns, a student may speak with Cunningham. Her office is located in room 309 in the Student Union.

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LIFE: Entertainment

Glass Menagerie - An Unbroken Success: Student Reviews



Photo courtesy of: Shane Regions
Sabrina Plaisance (right) and Laura West (left) perform a scene from *The Glass Menagerie* which was performed recently by the NSU Theatre Program. The play was written by famed playwright Tennessee Williams and was directed by Vicki Parrish.

By Teresa Sebastian
Review

How often do we truly understand anything? Every once in a while, we may grasp a math concept or how a friend is feeling, but it is not very often we get inside a playwright's mind to fully understand the meaning behind the play. On Wednesday, I had the opportunity, thanks to the cast of *The Glass Menagerie*, to enter the mind of a genius, Tennessee Williams.

Director Vicki Parrish decided to take the emphasis off the set and place it on the depth of the characters and their development. She took the ideas of Williams and mixed them with her own to turn the play from words on a page into a work of art that was almost a feeling.

Tom, played by Steven Cooper, was the first on the scene. He introduced himself and right from the start, I saw the reason for using the small theater. I could almost feel myself in the apartment as if he were talking to me. This "memory play" was dimly lit through the duration of the performance for effect, and there was almost an "old-timey" smell permeating the room which brought me back to the time of the play, set in the 1930's.

Amanda, played by Laura West, almost stole the show. She was so much into character I wondered if she was like this off stage as well. I quickly realized after a few scenes with Amanda why Tom wanted to move away so badly. Her irritating voice and annoying little idiosyncrasies would have made me run away from home as well.

Jim, played by Colin Trahan, was like a joke at a funeral to lighten the mood. Tennessee Williams waits until the audience is aching for some laughter and excitement to bring Jim into the play. Even though he breaks Laura's heart in the end, he is a crucial piece of the play. Colin Trahan was the perfect gentlemen mixed with just the right amount of arrogance.

But Laura was the best part of the play. Portrayed by Sabrina Plaisance, Laura brought feelings feelings out of me I didn't know were possible, memories I didn't know I had made.

By the last scene of the play, I had tears running down my face. After Sabrina's perfect performance and the relationship I felt that I had made with "Tom", I completely understood the subtle meaning hiding in *The Glass Menagerie*.

The truth Tennessee Williams was trying to convey was that everyone has ties holding them back when trying to do something for themselves. This can be as big or as small as leaving for college and leaving a little brother behind or when you have to choose between your best friend and moving on with your life.

Tennessee Williams has become my favorite playwright since seeing the performance at Northwestern State University; *The Glass Menagerie* has become my favorite play. Bravo!

By Missy Dupreast
Review

I must say, "Bravo!" to everyone who took part in *The Glass Menagerie*. Great work.

But I didn't like it. Let me explain. *The Glass Menagerie* is a memory play from the viewpoint of Tom, played by Stephen Cooper. The entire play is what Tom remembers, the way he remembers it, when he left home.

His memory is exaggerated, as most memories are. The characters, as Tom remembers them, finally drive Tom to the point of leaving. The actors did such a good job of portraying these characters that I became frustrated right along with Tom and wanted to walk out with him!

First, there's Amanda, played by Laura West. She's the annoying, pushy mother who I'm sure many of us remember from some point in our lives. "Do your homework!"

Amanda holds on to her memories as a young girl and lives in constant worry and fear for her family. She has expectations of Tom which he does not want to fulfill, and she pushes Laura to find "gentlemen callers" to take care of her.

The character of Amanda got to be terribly annoying with her rants about the way things used to be and the way things should be.

Next there's Laura, Tom's sister, played by Sabrina Plaisance. She is overly helpless and withdrawn. At times, I wanted to stand up and scream, "Relax!
Speak! Do something!" She just sits and trembles nervously. When she speaks, her voice is soft and very shaky. Tom loves her dearly, but he has dreams of his own to chase after rather than supporting his feeble sister.

Then we meet Jim O'Connor, played by Colin Trahan. Jim is simply fooling himself. In high school, he was great at everything and well loved. Now he works at a factory and aspires to do those things he always knew he was destined to do.

I found Jim's character rather spastic. He sits for a while, reminiscing of the high school days, then jumps up excitedly to speak his dreams about the future. He moves around enthusiastically, waving his hands all around; I could definitely see him as a motivational speaker.

The whole *Glass Menagerie* crew did an excellent job of depicting the play through Tom's eyes. I became just as annoyed with his family as he did. I wanted to leave, too, and get away from those crazy people!

The stage set was done well. I especially liked the picture of Tom's father. It represented the family's past, their reluctance to let go of the past and Tom's chosen path.

A slideshow accompanied the play displaying various images that corresponded to the action onstage. The slides were neat, but occasionally I thought they were a bit distracting. For the most part, though, they were rather entertaining.

I didn't particularly care for the pantomiming. I had the biggest problem with the eating. Perhaps it would've been better if there were real dishes but not real food. The pantomiming of the door didn't bother me that much. It seems kind of unavoidable anyway. You wouldn't want to block the characters behind a big door on the middle of the stage.

All in all, the play was well done, but I just didn't particularly like it. I have to deal with annoying people enough in my life to have to put up with Tom's annoying family.

Chocolat, a Delectable Treat for Moviegoers

By Mindy Mixon
Review

Set in a charming quaint village in rural France, *Chocolat* oozes sensuality and indulgence. Nomadic, single mother Vianne (Juliette Binoche) drags her daughter Anouk (Victoire Thivisol) through various towns seeking earnestly to discover a community who will wholeheartedly accept her unconventional ways.

Well, she couldn't have picked a more conservative town. Where the townspeople are black and white, Vianne is red and pink. And to compound the situation, Vianne refuses to attend the Catholic Church, which is the cornerstone of this town, and she opens her Chocolate Shop just in time for Lent. She steps on quite a few people's toes, including the Comte de Reynaud, the rigid mayor who has his hand in everything, most importantly the Church. Reynaud vows to put her out of business before the Lent season is over, and from this point on, the battle begins.

Reynaud pulls every string he can. He even trys to convince the town minister to preach in his sermons the "sinful nature of chocolate shops."

Meanwhile, Vianne injects life back into this dull town through her chocolate. And the chocolate is exquisite; beautiful bon bons and luscious delaticsanns fill the screen making viewers actually want to make a mad dash for the theatre concession stand.

She befriends her miserly old landlady, helps an abused wife gain her independence and defends her new friend Roux (Johnny Depp) to the prejudice, stuffy community.

Roux, a common river rat, sailed into town and docked his boat in a most unwelcome place. The townspeople are temporarily distracted from boycotting chocolate shops because they are too busy devising a way to expel these "filthy perverts" from their flawless town.

Roux and Vianne team up and learn a lesson about acceptance of others, which was way past due.

This movie is vivacious and charming with all the characteristics of a modern day fairy tale. Just don't go hungry.

Latin Explosion goes BANG!

By Mindy Mixon
LIFE Reporter

Come March 14th, from 7 to 9 p.m., there will be an explosion in the Student Union Alley. Don't worry; it's only the Latin Explosion, sponsored by Northwestern's Spanish Club.

Ringleaders Natasha Jones and Rachal Hetler will teach any willing participants how to Bachata, Marengue, Salsa and Punta. Reggae, hip-hop and techno also will be provided for students by DJ Nasty of New Orleans.

Spanish minor Taryn Toms said she attends the event every semester.

"It's great and lots of fun, and we dance together in groups. The camaraderie is terrific," Toms said.

Along with free food and free admission, there will be a $1.00 raffle, although it's not known as of yet exactly what the students have an opportunity to win.

The highlight of the evening will be the highly acclaimed dance competition. This year's choice dance will be the Salsa, so all willing to strut their stuff are welcome to enter.

Coordinator of Latin Explosion Natasha Jones feels the experience will broaden students minds.

"It's a chance to learn about a new culture - it's important to explore your world and be open-minded to all not just to yourself and people like you," Jones said.

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Argus - What to Expect

By Josh Green
LIFE Reporter

"It's unfortunate that such a large amount of the student body is unaware that a creative magazine exists on campus. They miss out on an excellent opportunity to find out the creativity of their peers," said Sabrina Key, editor-in-chief of the 2000-2001 *Argus*.

The magazine has allowed students on campus for many years to showcase their artistic abilities. It has an annual production featuring poetry, fiction, nonfiction, drama, prose and art all submitted by University students.

This year, Key brings many years experience to the publication and has included in the book many new ideas. This year's publication, *Outside the Window,* will contain drama, something the past editions have not yet presented.

"We would like to see this year's publication exhibit a fresh new look that demonstrates the self-exploration and imagination of NSU's students," she said.

Key added that the staff's main focus is on those traits because they feel that the academic environment sometimes neglects those artistic aspects of learning.

"There are different types of learning besides the type offered in the classroom and to deny this concept is to deny the value of the imagination," she said.

Key and her staff are also excited because a web-page exclusively for *Argus* is in the making.

"We are working on a web-page that will make it easier for students in the future to submit to the magazine and to find out what is happening as far as publishing is concerned," she said.

Submissions for this year's publication are already in, but Key said students can support the *Argus* by reading the magazine and continue to enter their submissions in the years to come.

Key said it is interesting that the title, *Argus*, has Greek Mythological roots. *Argus* was a giant with a hundred eyes.

"While some of his eyes slept, he kept watch with the others. Hermes lulled Argus to sleep with his magic lyre and then slew him with a stone. Upon finding the Argus dead, Hera, queen of Goddesses, placed his eyes on the tale of the peacock. Thus, the peacock has many different 'eyes,'" she explained.

The magazine is free to all students.

"They simply have too come by the English department and request a copy if they do not receive one with their NSU yearbook," said Key.

The Question

By Randall S. Frederick
Opinion

Is there right? Is there wrong? Who can know? Is it "let's make up the rules as we go along", as new scenarios in life unfold, because of scientific, technological and genetic breakthroughs and man is faced with dilemmas of unmatched proportions about the very issue, Right or Wrong.

Some people say there is and same say there isn't. There are extremists on either side that say almost everything is wrong, and some say everything is right. No one should tell anyone else what is right or wrong, because the ends justify the means. If they want to do that and they feel good about it, do it. Are we as a race totally disconnected from each other, with no responsibility except to Me and My.

The other day, I was watching a documentary about evolution. The host stated that probably the only reason the role of mother had come into existence was the necessity of that role to continue the race by physically caring for the child until he or she could fend for themself. This makes humanity nothing more than mere animals.

This leaves out situational ethics, figuring out what is right and wrong. What to do in a situation based on the components of the situation. ""Should I lie this time? The situation makes it okay. Do I commit adultery? He/She is so cute. Do I have an abortion? After all, it's only a glob of tissue. Do we have our grandmother terminated by a physician because it's just too hard on our life to care for her? You know, the kids have little league and soccer practice. It would just be a lot easier and you know grandma will be a lot better off this way."

I would say the almost every robot-like, assembly-line thinking system is propagated by the secular humanist, politically correct, societal peer, and pressured conformist. They continually tell us we are correct and accepted as long as we stay within the parameters of the box their way of thinking. Their way of thinking fastens a community of men and women to view themselves and their wants as the center of everything.

A few years ago, a woman named Susan Smith put her two children in the backseat of her car, and locked the doors. She held fast to the ideology, and because her boyfriend did not want children, she felt her own needs were own important, so she pushed the car into the river. She didn't want to lose him. She didn't want to be unhappy. So she killed what got in the way of her wants.

Everything in nature cries out that there are laws, rules, and natural ways. In the whole animal kingdom, not one is confused about their gender or what they are. They do not question the role God created them for. Every time you drop an object, it falls. Every time the laws of thrust and lift are expected, right flight takes place. Why have a plumbline to straighten something if there is no crooked? Why have a level if there is no UNlevel? Why have a compass if there is no incorrect direction? When the plumbline or level is used, there is a clear standard to measure by.

Listen to the following true story:

One day, as Irina Ratushinskaya sat in class, it began to snow. This was out of the ordinary for the seaside city of Odessa. Snowballs, forts, scoops of snow licked from a worn woolen mitten! As she watched the flakes fall, her chest tightened. Soon it would all be gone, the mysterious white lace melting away, leaving only the everyday brown of Odessa, all because she and her classmates were stuck in a boring drift of lectures.

This was the atheist instruction time, and attendance was mandatory. In the Soviet Union of Nikita Krushchev, young minds represented the best hope for the future. Kruschev say education as the tool that would forge the eventual ideological triumph of the Soviet Union. Instructors had to vigilantly stamp out the tiresome myths, in spite of the 46 years of Communist indoctrination, refused to melt away.

Irina and her classmates had been told about a Baptist woman who had roasted her children in an oven. The older seventh grade students had performed a play depicting priests as oafs. Everyone seemed to be against God, the teachers, headmaster, speakers on the radio, the whole country. Yet it seemed very odd to young Irina that such a furious battle was set against someone these people said didn't even exist anyway. Irina wondered now, as she often did, why the teacher even bothered with the truckload of words she was dumping from the front of the room.

"Can't they tell they are giving themselves away?" thought Irina. "Adults tell you there are no gremlins or ghosts. They tell you once or twice, and that's it. But with God, they tell you over and over again. So He must exist, and He must be very powerful for them to fear Him so greatly."

With this logic firmly in mind, she returned her thoughts to the snow.

"Okay God, if You did not exist, we wouldn't have to listen to this lecture. So it's Your fault we're sitting here missing the snow. If You're so powerful, make it keep snowing."

This was Irina's first prayer. White flakes fell like manna for three days from Odessa's gray skies, the city's largest snowfall in sixty years. School was canceled, and Irina galloped down the wide avenues with her friends, throwing snowballs and relishing the crystals that fell softly on their faces. Irina thought about this God her teachers denied, the One who could make snow fall from official Communist airspace.

She began to talk to Him secretly, asking endless questions. Not politely, but with passion and fervor. Was He kind?

"If He is not kind, I don't want to have anything to do with Him, even if He is all-powerful."

But if He was kind, but not all-powerful, then she didn't want to depend on Him either. What good was a God who was not powerful?

When Irina was 23, she obtained her first Bible. A Jewish friend emigrating to the United States gave her an eighteenth-century volume of the Scriptures printed in Old Church Slavonic. Eagerly she spent a month and a half learning the ancient, intricate alphabet printed on the delicate, thin pages. Then, finally, she was able to read the Old and New Testaments.

"All the revelations I had either guessed or read about elsewhere fell into place, like the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle. I realized that yes, I am a Christian, and my loving God confirms that it is so, and not otherwise."

Irina's first book, *Grey Is the Color of Hope*, detailed the seven years she spent imprisoned in a labor camp for her "anti-Soviet" Christian beliefs. Her second, *In the Beginning*, traced her early life and influences, telling how the girl in an officially atheistic country, deprived of Bible or Christian training, found Christ and became part of the Orthodox Church. Her own story, she said, was the tale of an entire generation: young Soviets who saw through the lies of their elders and, much to their leaders' dismay, turned to God and the church.

If Irina can find the plumbline, the level, the truth, the light in the darkness, then so can you. If real truth, cutting through the cloud of society's ideology, is what you are searching for, keep searching. Don't give up. Don't accept complacency inside the parameters set around you. Find out what is true, and acceptable, and perfect. What is truth? Search and you will find, but don't give up.

Early Registration

It is Early Registration time again! Before registration, you must see your advisor for advisement. **Students with a financial hold will not be allowed to early register for the Summer/Fall 2001 semester. Your account balance must be paid by March 21, 2001 to prevent a financial hold from being placed on your record.**

WEB and TELEPHONE REGISTRATION is based on the following classification: Wednesday, March 28, 2001 (Graduate Students and Seniors); Thursday, March 29, 2001 (Juniors); Friday, March 30, 2001 (Sophomores).

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MAY 4, 2001

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10:00a.m.__ Commencement Ceremony
1:00 p.m.__ Reception
2:00 p.m.__ Individual College Recognition Ceremonies

GROUP B:

College of Business, General College, Scholar's College, College of Science/Technology, and (50 Year) Graduate Recognition.

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Sports

Demon baseball takes two from UALR

By Mindy Mixon
Sauce Reporter

The Demons added two more wins to their overall record making them 13-6 at the doubleheader last night against University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Game 1 starting pitcher was Gene DeSalme, who struck out two in a little over an inning of work. Relief pitcher Zach Sanches picked up the win. The Texan native allowed only two hits, walked one and struck out five against the Trojans.

The Demons jumped on Arkansas early, scoring two runs in the second on Tyler Durham's fly out. That scored Jeramie Hale and Jacob Valles single that scored Jordan Robison.

The only time Little Rock posed any threat was in the top of the second when Shortstop Miguel Miranda singled to center field and knocked in two RBI's.

By the bottom of the second Northwestern had dominated the scoreboard, with offensive generators Robison and Durham both bringing in two runs apiece. Hale singled on a bunt to allow Ricardo Solis to come home making the score 7-3.

The Demon's would score two more runs, one in the third and sixth making the final score 9-3.

Sophomore Casey Johnson (1-1) started Game 2 and in seven innings held the Trojans to just two hits, allowed one run and struck out four.

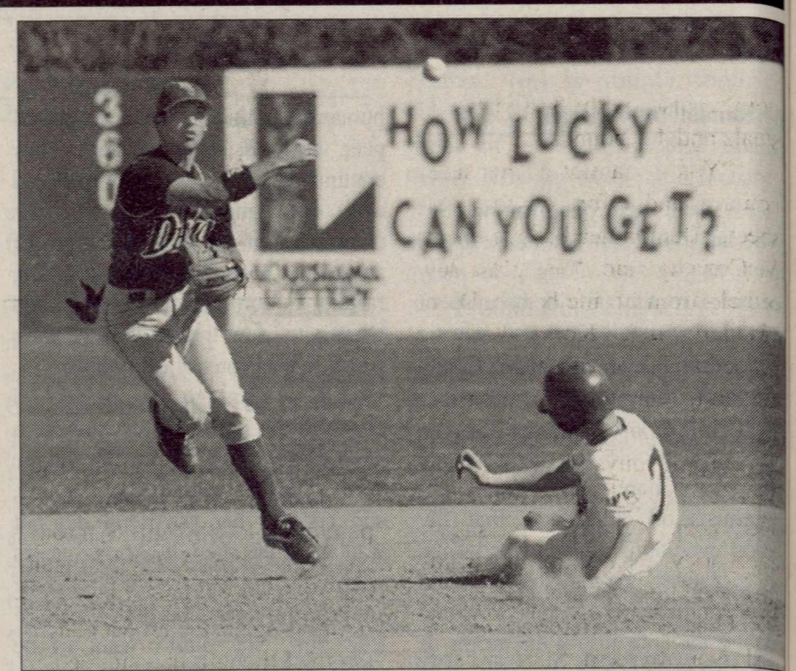
Powerhouses Ed Linck and Shawn West are responsible for the two runs put up by Northwestern. The first run came in the first inning when Linck doubled down the first base line scoring Robison. Next in the fifth West doubled to center field scoring Lee McCleon.

Linck, who hit 2-3 and 2-2, credited his consistency to "hitting fastballs. I got good pitches and I got a hold of them."

Head Coach John Cohen said he "was proud of the pitching. Johnson had a nice outing and we scored when we had to. We really needed these games since we lost some close games this past weekend. "

Cohen did express concern over Linck who was hit on the wrist by a pitch in the second game.

Johnson wants "to just keep getting better. My last outing against Texas-Arlington wasn't a success. My fastball and slider were working well for me plus the defense played extremely well."



Gary Hardamon/NSU Press

The Demon Baseball team swept UALR 9-3 and 2-1 last night. NSU returns to conference action on the road Saturday versus Sam Houston.

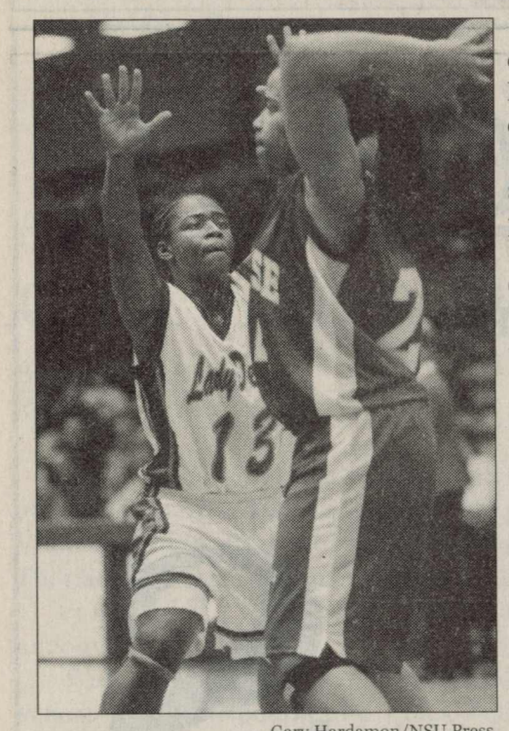
Some of you may say it's unfair. "Why is the Sauce letting someone do a feature story on themselves?" Hey, it's not our fault the only thing better than her crossover is her interviewing. So this week, *The Current Sauce* wanted to see what would happen when LaTerrica Dobin, the basketball player, met LaTerrica Dobin, the journalist. Remember, all of this is...

On The Record

By La'Terrica Dobin



Photos by Rachael Kidd



Gary Hardamon/NSU Press

LaTerrica Dobin calls herself an "uptempo specialist."

After receiving several scholarship offers from junior colleges and other universities, La'Terrica Shovinika Dobin chose Northwestern State University as her final destination.

The Shreveport native credits the friendly coaching staff, the Lady Demon squad and the closeness of home with playing a major role in making her final decision.

And the fact that the Lady Demons just won Southland Conference championship rings in 1999 didn't hurt either.

"I saw a lot of talent, I knew I would be part of a winning team," said Dobin.

Friends and family call her"Cooda," a nickname given to her by her grandmother Gloria Dupree, who says as a child Dobin reminded her of a baby Cooda turtle.

Dobin attended three different high schools in four years. As a freshman at Bossier High School, Dobin was the starting point guard when NSU recruiting coaches Wendy Schuller and Stephanie Locke came out to watch another teammate. Once they arrived, their attention quickly focused on the young point guard, her quickness and strength had caught their eye.

"I thought it was funny that we kept running into this midget at all these different gyms," laughs Associate Head coach Schuller.

That year Dobin went on to gain athletic honors in many different sports, including finishing third in the state high jump and receiving second team all-district honors in softball.

As a sophomore, Dobin continued to flourish under the watchful eye of the NSU recruiting coaches. After lettering in basketball, track and softball, Dobin was chosen Female Athlete of the Year. As a junior, Dobin transferred to Parkway High School where she decided to dedicate all of her time to one sport in hopes of gaining full accommodations to a University.

Fearing the NSU coaches had lost track of her, she started to consider SLC rival Nicholls State a school that would later offer her a full scholarship. She found the NSU coaches, who were again watching another of her teammate. And once again they were impressed with the team's starting point guard.

" This year was more or less a learning experience...I am slowly but surely getting there."

La'Terrica Dobin
Lady Demon point guard

The chase didn't stop there Dobin had to be tracked down again as a senior at Evangel Christian Academy. As a senior, Dobin averaged 25 points and eight assists, leading her team to the second round of the play-offs. Dobin also led district 1-3A in rebounding despite her 5"3' height.

After redshirting her freshman year, Dobin is now in her first season in college basketball. Sophomore Anna Means, who splits time at the point position with Dobin adds "I think we both have a lot to offer because we play two different styles of ball complimenting each other and allowing us to be successful as a team."

When you see Dobin, labeled the " uptempo specialist" at the scorers table about to check, in you can bet with her speedy penetrations and on time passes it's about to be a whole different ball game.

"People have told me I bring the action to the game but actually that's not my goal" says Dobin "I've just always been a fast paced player."

In her first year of Lady Demon action, Dobin has already set great career highs including 23 points, 11 assists, and 6 steals. Dobin has scored in double digits 9 times and has recorded the team's game high on four different occasions. She has also finished the regular season listed in five of ten SLC categories of individual leaders.

"This year was more or less a learning experience" says Dobin "I still have a ways to go but with Coach Smith constantly reminding me to stop standing around, make good decisions, be patient, and go hard everytime."

"I am slowly but surely getting there."

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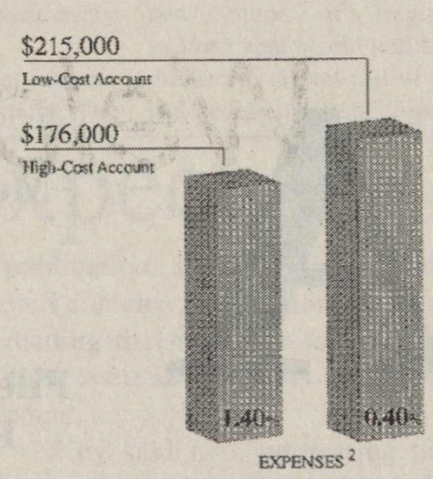
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Basketball: Cont'd from page 1

points, also with 3 assists, 3 steals and 4 rebounds.

"You cannot measure courage and effort on the stat sheet," Demon head coach Mike McConathy said. "We got a lot of help from off the bench, D'or Fischer and Kory Wilson immediately come to mind. That helped us maintain our intensity no matter who was in the game."

"These guys wanted to go back to the CenturyTel Center, and they wanted to show everybody what kind of team they could be."

Converse broke the SLC and Northwestern State record for three-pointers shooting 3-of-10 form the outer rim, bringing her total to 215. She has a season high 27 points, including a perfect 10-for-10 performance from the charity stripe.

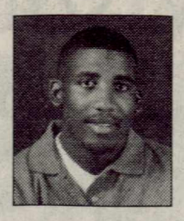
In the first half, the two teams dribbled back and forth, before the Lady Demons to a 13-6, but the Lady Lions would come back on a 8-0rally to take 32-24 advantage.

The second half showed that Northwestern State was on fire, hitting 16-of-28 from the inside the perimeter. Despite a 43 percent shooting percentage from the field, Northwestern State recorded a 81.8 percentage from the free-throw line.

"We started out playing flat in the first half," Demon head coach James Smith said. "Our defense struggled which made it a very close game. In the second half, we came out in true form, guarding well, rebounding strong and making our shots, which made the difference in the game."

From the Sports Editor

Thursday, March 8, 2001



Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

Talking Points

- Wouldn't it be great to see B.J. Netterville hit the last 3-pointer on ESPN2 this Saturday?

- The Demon Baseball team somehow managed to blow an 8-run lead against UTA Monday. Funny, I thought that stopped happening in Little League.

Main Course

Psst.

I'm gonna tell you something, but you gotta promise me you'll keep it a secret. I'm not supposed to tell anyone.

You promise?

Cool.

I heard about this party going on this month. It's gonna be off the hook! I mean this party is goin' coast-to-coast. They got spots in the N.O., Philly, San Antone, everywhere. Big time.

And I heard the big party is gonna be somewhere up in Minneapolis. Some of the baddest ballers on the planet I heard are going to be at this party.

I checked out the guest list. It's gonna be wild! A strictly A-list affair. No bustas allowed man.

Dudes from Georgia State, George Mason,Indiana State, yeah they're gonna be there. And those boys from Gonzaga, oh you know how they like to act a fool at these parties. Yup, they'll be there.

And the girls! Awww man, let me tell you about the girls that are gonna be there. You know those girls from UCONN? Yeah, the ones are at all the dances. You know they'll be there. And what about those La. Tech girls? Yup, yup yup. They're on the list.

I'm telling you this is gonna be a hype party.

One problem, though. Security is gonna be tight. I mean Spandex tight. You're not going to be able to sneak in to this party. And once you're in, you better be for real. There are gonna be some serious ballers in this dance. I don't know, but I think them boys from Duke and Carolina will be on the list. It might get a little rowdy in there.

But hey, I heard they were talking about letting some players from NSU in. Yeah! You gotta go up to Bossier and talk to this dude named Century Tell or something. He got all the hook-ups.

But watch out, I heard he's looking at giving hook-ups to three other groups. One to McNeese, one to Texas-San Antonio and one to Sam Houston. I don't know who told them about the party, but they found out. So they're gonna be there too.

But don't let 'em stop you. Go on up to Bossier City. See if my man Century Tell can get you in to this party.

But hey, you gotta keep this between you and me.

It's a secret.

Rondray Hill is the Sports Editor of the Current Sauce. He can be reached at 357-5456 or at currentsauce@hotmail.com

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Opinions

Letters to the Editor





Ellen English Pickett, a 1995 graduate of the Veterinary Technology Program at NSU, died Sunday, February 18, 2001, after an almost year-long battle with leukemia. She was 29.

The words attributed to her father, Dr. Horace English, at her memorial service, ring true for those of us in the Northwestern community who knew Ellen, as well: "She was a bright and shining star in our lives." Ellen was one of those individuals who brighten the world of those around them. She loved life, and had passions for at least two beautiful things, music and animals. Her enthusiasm was infectious, and inspiring. She was the kind of student who makes a teacher glad they have chosen the profession because they would have missed out on working with a great individual had they chosen another line of work.

As most Veterinary Technology students do, Ellen loved animals. When Ellen was a student here, one of her pets was a three-legged turtle that she had rescued. Those who knew Ellen usually have a story to relate about her animal rescues, from the side of the road, or wherever. She wasn't going to pass by an animal that needed her. I am reminded of a quote by Milan Kundera in The Unbearable Lightness of Being: "True human goodness, in all its purity and freedom, can come to the fore only when its recipient has no power. Mankind's true moral test, its fundamental test (which lies deeply buried from view), consists of its attitude toward those who are at its mercy: animals."

Ellen certainly passed the test, and the world is a better place for her having been here.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Woodard, D.V.M.

Santee, California

Dear Editor,

I am writing today in preparation of the media onslaught and moral outrage in search of a place to lay blame for the shooting in Santee, California on March 5, 2001. After hearing of the news and watching the media search for an "answer" for the action in question, I started to see flashbacks of the past couple of years. Over the following months and years, the suspect in question will more than likely go to trial and will probably will face some sort of punishment, judicial or otherwise. In the end, the most important part of what happened will be diminished, two children died and 13 others were injured.

There will be a rush to blame someone; there always is. Sadly, we know this from experience. I personally believe that no matter what happens, the final blame for this act of violence rests on the person who pulled the trigger. Unfortunately, we somehow forget that on the way to seeking the answer "why?" While psychologists, counselors and other mental health professionals search for an answer, I believe that we should not lose sight of exactly what happened. A fifteen-year-old brought a gun to school and killed people. Maybe he wanted revenge, maybe he wanted to be cool, or maybe he wanted to illustrate a point, I really do not know. What I am positive of is that someone murdered two people and wounded 13 others, and they should be held accountable. Do not shift the blame, the focus to television, the NRA or to a movie from five years ago, blame the person who fired the gun.

In America, unless they grew up under a rock, everyone has seen violence on television and in films. Our most basic fairy tales usually have someone die, but we recognize that lions do not talk, most wolves will not swallow our grandmothers, and we cannot put people into ovens. Do not blame them or guns because no gun walked to school and shot anyone. The gun is a simple machine not much different from a car or a calculator, they all serve respective functions and do not operate themselves, people do.

Sincerely,
William F. Eilers
Class of 2004

Instant Wisdom and the Gene Pool

by Tony Blanco

We move from sex to something a little more natural to most of you.

Ok, let's pretend for a second that the whole concept of God being real and human beings having souls and all that stuff is just completely wrong. Now, imagine that people are merely animals with nothing whatsoever to separate us from any other animal. For a second, draw a picture in your head of a world devoid of moral purpose, a world where all you do is stay alive and make babies. All anybody has to do is live long enough to have children. Keep the species alive and going. That's it. People are just some gross fleshy side affect of a genetic virus. We don't actually make decisions; we just survive, reproduce and die like anything else. Free will is gone. Hooray! Problem solved. Class Dismissed.

Well, kind of. If I start to try to believe that I'm just animal, then I have to think about all kinds of other things. What about love? Then why do people believe in God? Do animals believe in God? And so on. But for the sake of my question, I ask you to assume that people are just animals for a second. Here we go.

What is the point of masturbation? From the outside it appears to be kind of insane. By pretending to have sex, you greatly reduce the immediate desire for sex, thereby reducing your desire to procreate. No sex means no kids, and that means that you aren't concentrating on your job.

The desire you feel is natural. You are supposed to want sex all the time. You are also supposed to be having sex occasionally as well. It does your DNA no good for you to pretend to have sex and then not worry about it at all. Your genes would be pissed as hell if they knew you were tricking them with the old switcheroo.

But it feels good, and I totally understand why someone would do it. It should just be pointed out that we have evolved a fertility off switch. It helps to keep the weak and unattractive from breeding, keeping natural selection moving away from the practical mutations to the cosmetic.

Usually, those individuals who are the best at having kids will determine what the future will be like. A long time ago you lived in a village, knew one girl, had kids, and no choices ever had to be made ever, because there were none. Then came the industrial revolution, and with it more people, and with more people more options. Too many options? Right now, mass media is creating impossibly high standards of sexual beauty and rather than settle for less than a brilliant, sensitive, witty, kind, physically perfect mate, you have the option of dinner for one and dessert for you.

With masturbation, sex isn't all that important; "rejected again! I'll have to do better next (grunt) I'm going to start working out (grunt) Eat (grunt) Healthier (sigh). Who wants to play Dungeons and Dragons? I sure do love Playstation 2. Sex? Naw, I got it covered."

When you masturbate you are slacking off. By easing the tension, you are not doing your job as a person. You become substandard and unimportant.

There's no reason to fret however; just look at the bright side. It's not that ugly people don't deserve to live (for every life is uniquely precious); it's just that masturbation makes the pain of a pointless life more bearable.

With masturbation you don't have to concern yourself with the romance game at all. If sex doesn't come naturally that's fine, you don't need to try so hard because you have an alternative. It's perfectly okay. I'm sure the population will do just fine without your input. If you fail, it probably means that you aren't good enough to succeed, but that's okay because you have the coolest consolation prize in the animal kingdom. Combine this special power with the limitless availability of pornographic material and being a loser isn't so bad anymore.

But honestly I don't have any idea. I just figure that my biggest gift to the world will be my ability to leave quietly having left no trace of having been here at all, genetically speaking. I don't like the idea of bearing children to a world full of people choking themselves to death with more and more people. I intend to thin the herd a little. I'm making sure that my genes end with me. Nature has given me all of the tools I require to stay content until death with never having babies. I'll be gone with out trace because the DNA stops here. These genes aren't going anywhere, maybe. Well, probably not, but I suppose that's a different matter altogether.

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I would like to thank those who have written in. Your support is appreciated. Furthermore, any work that may be of interest to the student body should by submitted.

Mary Freeman,
Opinions Editor

In Another's Words: Louisiana's Economy

By ALAN SAYRE
AP Business Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - As Washington tries to figure out how to keep the slowing U.S. economy from tipping into recession, Louisiana's economy already is in a major nosedive.

Gov. Mike Foster thinks the way to save jobs is to have a special legislative session to bail out Harrah's New Orleans Casino, which is threatening to close March 31 without a big tax break.

Foster says it's obvious what should be done - give Harrah's what it wants - because the casino employs 2,700 people. And Foster says $50 million to $60 million in annual taxes is better than nothing at all.

Representatives of the state hotel-motel association testified in a legislative hearing that New Orleans has 2,600 jobs available, although most are not as high paying as the casino jobs.

Since the casino laid down the gauntlet last fall on top of thin political ice, the economic climate in the state has soured for all to see. Most of the business headlines in Louisiana have been talking about lost jobs.

According to the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, that trend started long before autumn, thanks to an economic boom in the state that was high on raw numbers and low on quality.

LABI says that over the past 18 months, the addition of service-sector jobs has masked a falloff of 22,500 jobs in the energy, large retail and manufacturing segments. LABI estimates those jobs carried a payroll of $750 million, which also translates into lost tax dollars.

For a time in the 1990s, the growth rate of non-farm jobs in Louisiana exceeded the national rate. But virtually all of the net gain came from the service sector, while the goods-producing sector either grew slowly, stagnated or dropped off.

The goods-producing sector is now taking the big hits.

The latest bomb to go off is the planned closure of the Avaya telephone plant in Shreveport, which will cost 900 jobs. While Avaya is abandoning Louisiana, two of its plants in Arkansas and Colorado are staying open under new management.

As the Legislature prepares to convene with gambling on its mind, the casino boom, which added at least 20,000 payroll slots over seven years, may be over. There's only one more riverboat casino license to be handed out. And Harrah's New Orleans has a monopoly on land-based casino gambling in Orleans Parish, unless the state wants to give up its gambling taxes.

Considering the casino's lack of success, it might be a moot point to believe that any other company would want to risk a similar shellacking, though a lot can change over 30 years _ the length of the casino's contract with the state.

For years, Louisiana has played second fiddle to Texas, Alabama, Georgia and Florida in getting jobs. And now, Mississippi is adding insult to injury. A new Nissan assembly plant is going in near Jackson while an industrial bag plant in Crowley is moving to Mexico.

Mississippi is bold enough these days to make a pitch for the New Orleans Saints to move to the Gulf Coast, which long ago cut away the notion that New Orleans would be the new Las Vegas.

University of New Orleans economist Tim Ryan estimates that if the Saints move away, the state loses an annual $257 million economic impact. And since Super Bowls don't come to cities without NFL teams, there goes another $400 million or so for each championship game. The state is now dickering with Saints owner Tom Benson to see what it will take to keep the team from moving.

What to do about keeping current jobs in the state and attracting new ones could get to the front-burner quickly. An administration-appointed task force studying reorganization of the state Department of Economic Development is supposed to have its recommendations ready soon. The last attempt to boost economic development, a quasi-private corporation called Louisiana Inc., failed at the polls last fall after the bill's staunchest backers had trouble explaining it.

Whatever economic development plan emerges will have its hands full, starting with keeping current jobs from leaving. For now, considering the national economy and Louisiana's problems, new business will be gravy.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Alan Sayre, AP business writer in New Orleans, covers Louisiana's economy.

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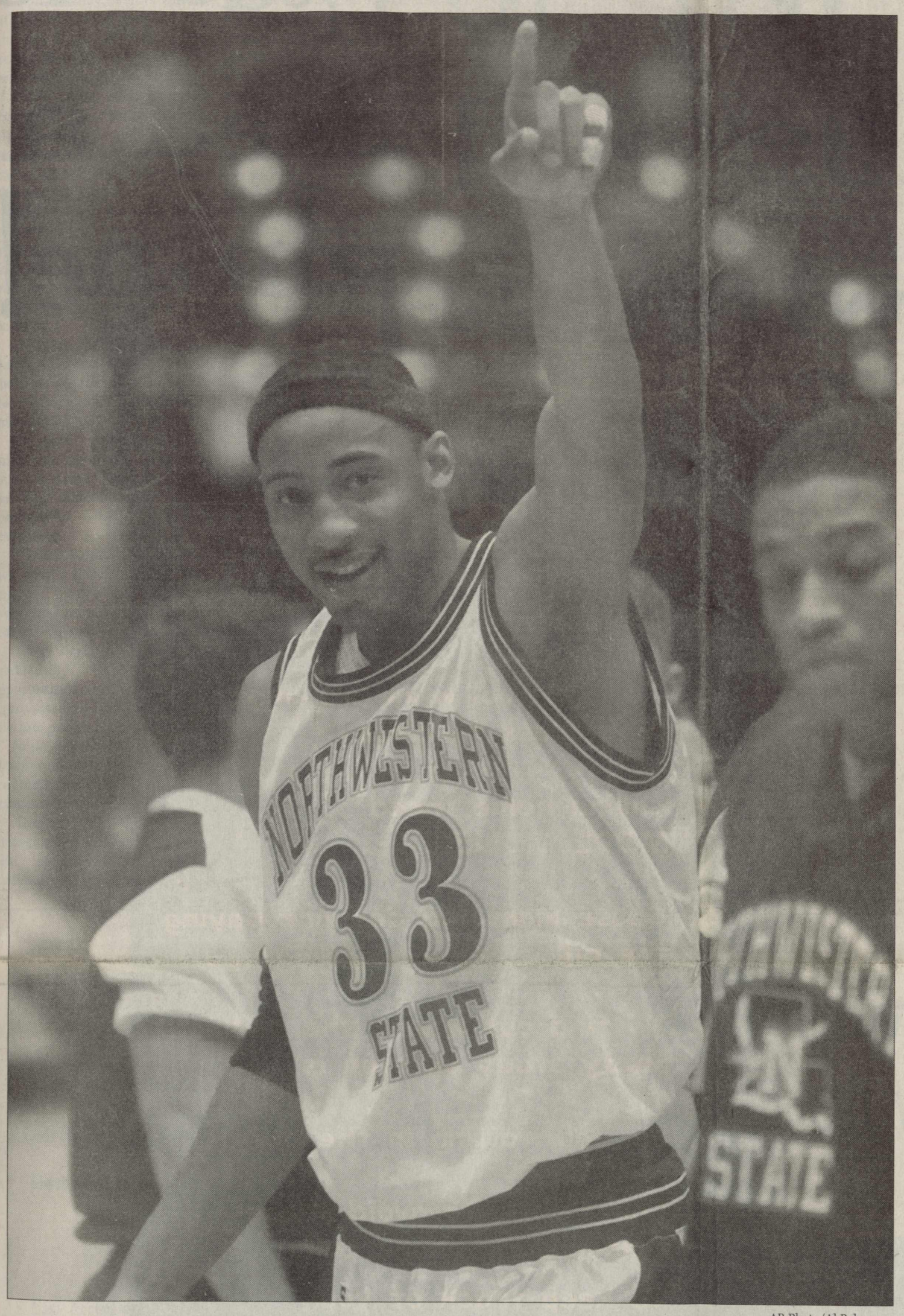
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Northwestern State forward Chris Thompson (33) reacts after the Demons' 71-67 win over Winthrop in the NCAA play-in game, Tuesday, in Dayton, Ohio. Northwestern State will play number one seed Illinois Friday at Dayton. The Demons were the SLC tournament champions after defeating McNeese State Saturday.

Demons dance in Dayton

By Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

DAYTON , OH - A good bit of the 6,813 people at Tuesday's NSU-Winthrop play-in game arrived having never heard of Natchitoches.

After a classic 71-67 NSU win later that night, the Demons won't be heading back to Natchitoches until after Friday.

It took nearly 46 percent shooting, nine three-pointers, suffocating defense and a near triple-double for D'or Fischer to contain a dead-eye shooting Winthrop team. The Eagles countered NSU shot-for-shot, nailing 11 three-pointers, including 7-11 three-pointers in the second half.

"This type of game shows people that both these teams do belong in the tournament," Head Coach Mike McConathy said. "We were the champs of our conference tournaments and we played a type of game that the people enjoyed seeing."

Senior Josh Hancock scored six points, including the most important three points of the game. Hancock took a pass from Michael Byars-Dawson and hit his second three-pointer with one minute on the game clock and less than three seconds on the shot clock to put the Demons up five, 67-62.

"I was fortunate that Mike (Dawson) found me when he drove in the lane," Hancock said. "I feel confident when I shoot the ball. I wasn't shooting it well during the game but at that time it went in."

Midway through the second half, it looked as if the Demons would start to pull away from the Eagles. The Demons led by 12, 56-44, when the Eagles caught fire, nailing 10 consecutive three-pointers to tie the game at 62-all with 3:10 left. Kory Wilson made two free throws to break the tie to 64-62 before Hancock's three.

"This was a very winnable game for us," Winthrop forward Derrick Knox said. "We didn't play with enough poise. They just capitalized from all of our mistakes."

Fischer, who came up one block short of his second triple-double of the season with 10 points, 11 rebounds and nine blocks, combined with senior Chris Thompson to help the Demons score 22 points in the paint.Thompson led all scorers with 18 points.

"This was good for us. We were very positive about playing in this game," said Thompson. "We felt we should be in here. We proved to everyone we should be here."

Fun Facts from Dayton

- **Basketball Happy Dayton.** The 6,183 people at the Dayton Arena to watch the NSU-Winthrop game was the largest attendance ever to watch Demon basketball.

- **Talk about intimidation!** With 6:53 left in the fist half, Winthrop forward Marcus Stewart attempted a three-point shot that was contested by NSU center D'or Fischer. Fischer caused Stewart to redirect his shot, and that shot hit the face of the shot clock about three feet above the rim. The clock would be okay, Stewart's ego is still bruised.

- **Bombs Away**. NSU forward Chris Thompson made his first career three-pointer at 15:44 left in the game. As the shot clock ticked near zero, Thompson, trying to avoid a violation, heaved up a three-pointer that bounced off the rim and dropped in. Thompson is now 1-11 in three-point accuracy for his career, a .090 percentage.

- **Allegro!** After the victory, Demon forward Chris Lynch, in a Peyton Manning-esque display, took the conducting reigns of the Demon Pep Band. Lynch led the Pep Band in a rendition of the NSU Fight song, singing with the band during the second verse.

Stroke 9 to play "Spring Fling"

By Josh Green
Sauce Reporter

Alternative groups *Stroke 9* and *Ashley 17* will appear at the annual Spring Fling concert held on March 29.

SAB concert chairman Adam Allen said that he feels that concert attendees should be pleased with these groups.

"I've heard really good things about *Stroke 9* concerts and think they'll put on a very good show," he said.

Stroke 9 is the headlining act for the concert. The four-man group from San Francisco had already posted its Natchitoches tour date by early Tuesday morning. Stroke 9's 1999 album, *Nasty Little Thoughts*, included the group's biggest hit to date, the Top 5 song "Little Black Back Pack."

The act is known for its elements of rock, pop, folk-rock, and reggae.

Ashley 17, the concert's opening act is a local band who performs mostly cover songs.

Allen said that the process of organizing the concert this year was hectic.

"Alternative bands wait until the last minute to say that they're coming...because of this, sometimes, we really can't start organizing the bands until February," he said.

The SAB calmed rumors last week that *Better Than Ezra* was set to perform at "Spring Fling."

"*Better Than Ezra* did express some interest, but when it came down to it, all members were not in agreement to come to Natchitoches," Allen said.

Assistant Director of Student Activities, Susanna Deshotel said that the organization's main focus now is last minute preparations and a strong public relations campaign.

"We're going to get the word about the concert through students, KNWD...hopefully, a lot of students will come out," she said.

Deshotel said that the average attendance for the Spring Fling concert is anywhere from 2000-2500 students and above.

The concert will be in Prather Coliseum at 7 PM. Admission is free with an NSU student I.D. and $10 for non-students at the door.

Natchitoches area damaged by bad weather

By Bess Renfrow
Sauce Reporter

Natchitoches was hit hard by a severe storm Monday morning.

The Northwestern campus was no exception. The Aviation Department, located at the Natchitoches Regional Airport, lost it's roof.

With the roof gone, the ceiling collapsed and the rain began to fall in the building.

"We were about ankle deep in water trying to move everything," David E. King, chief flight instructor, said.

The staff managed to save all the student flight records and no planes were damaged.

The storm also affected several other staff's homes. Among these were Northwestern Women's Basketball Coach James Smith and History Professor, Jeffrey Smith.

Coach Smith's home was hit by a tree, however, Smith's roof just lost some shingles, but his storage shed was completely turned over.

Resident's on campus were affected as well. The electricity was cut off to several buildings on campus because of the damage to power lines in the city. However the loss of electricity was short and power was soon recovered.

"This wasn't anything wrong at Northwestern, it was more of a city problem", Loran Lindsey, Director of the Physical Power Plant at Northwestern, said.

Some power lines were also knocked down on campus as well. Several mobile home parks had trailers turned over or completely destroyed.

Although the damage to property around and in Natchitoches was devastating, only seven people were treated at the emergency room at the Natchitoches Parish Hospital.



Photo by Kaleb Breaux

The flight operations hangar owned by the University ,located at the Natchitoches Regional Airport, was damaged by a severe thunderstorm last Sunday night. The roof of the hanger was completely blown off.

Campus Connections

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
The SGA offers free scantrons to students every Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 222 of the Student Union. You will need a student I.D. to take advantage. Also, the students may stop by the Book Swap Board to look for books they may need for a cheaper rate. Filings are open for Senator at Large, Treasurer, Vice-President and President. Pick up an application in 222 of the Student Union and return it completed to 214 of the Student Union. Filings close March 20.ß°

WESLEY WESTMINSTER FOUNDATION
Students can have lunch at the Wesley Westminister Foundation (between Magee's and The Ink Spot) on Tuesday from 11:30 until 1 p.m. The first visit is free and $1 each time thereafter. Worship services are held from 6:30-7:30 pm each Wednesday.

COLLEGE DEMOCRATS
College Democrats conduct informational meetings every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union.

COLLEGE REPUBLICANS
College Republicans meet every Wednesday at 5 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union.

STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE
Meetings are held every Wednesday at noon in room 224 of Russell Hall. All majors welcome.

CATHOLIC STUDENT ORGANIZATION
The CSO would like to invite all students to join the CSO for fun, fellowship, and a free meal every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church (located on Second Street). You do not have to be Catholic to join in on the fun; every student is welcome. There is also a student Mass held every Sunday at 9:30 p.m. For more information call Amy Dowden at 352-2615.

NSU CLUB SOCCER
NSU Club Soccer is open to anyone who wants to play soccer on a collegiate level. The NSU Club Soccer team meets everyday behind Watson Library from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information contact Cesar Isgitt at 354-6483.

BIBLE STUDY
There will be an interdenominational Bible Study held each Tuesday night at 8:45 p.m. in Room 100 of Morrison Hall.

CHI ALPHA
We invite you to come and worship with us each Thursday night in the Student Union lounge for "Thursday Night Live" at 7 p.m.

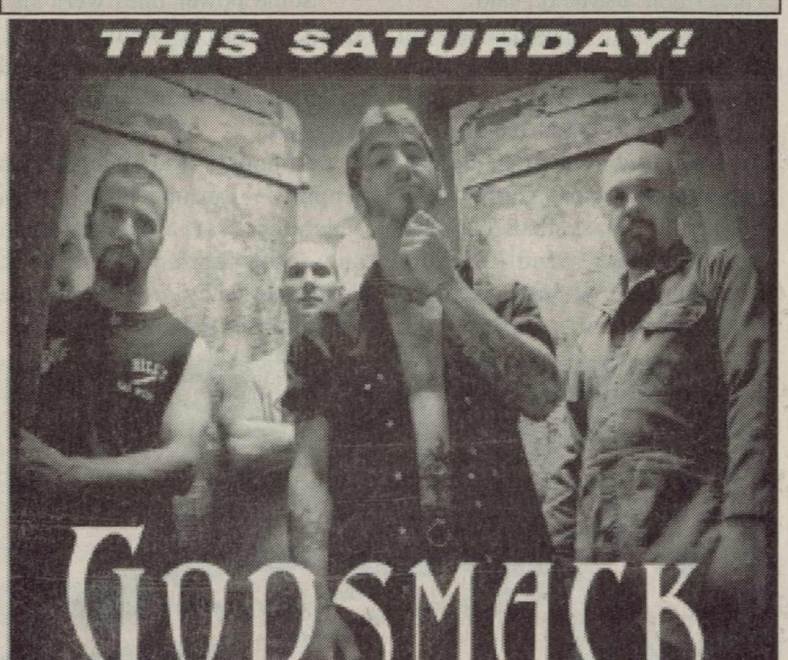
NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION
The Native American Student Association will be meeting on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Thursdays at 6 p.m. All students are welcome to attend.

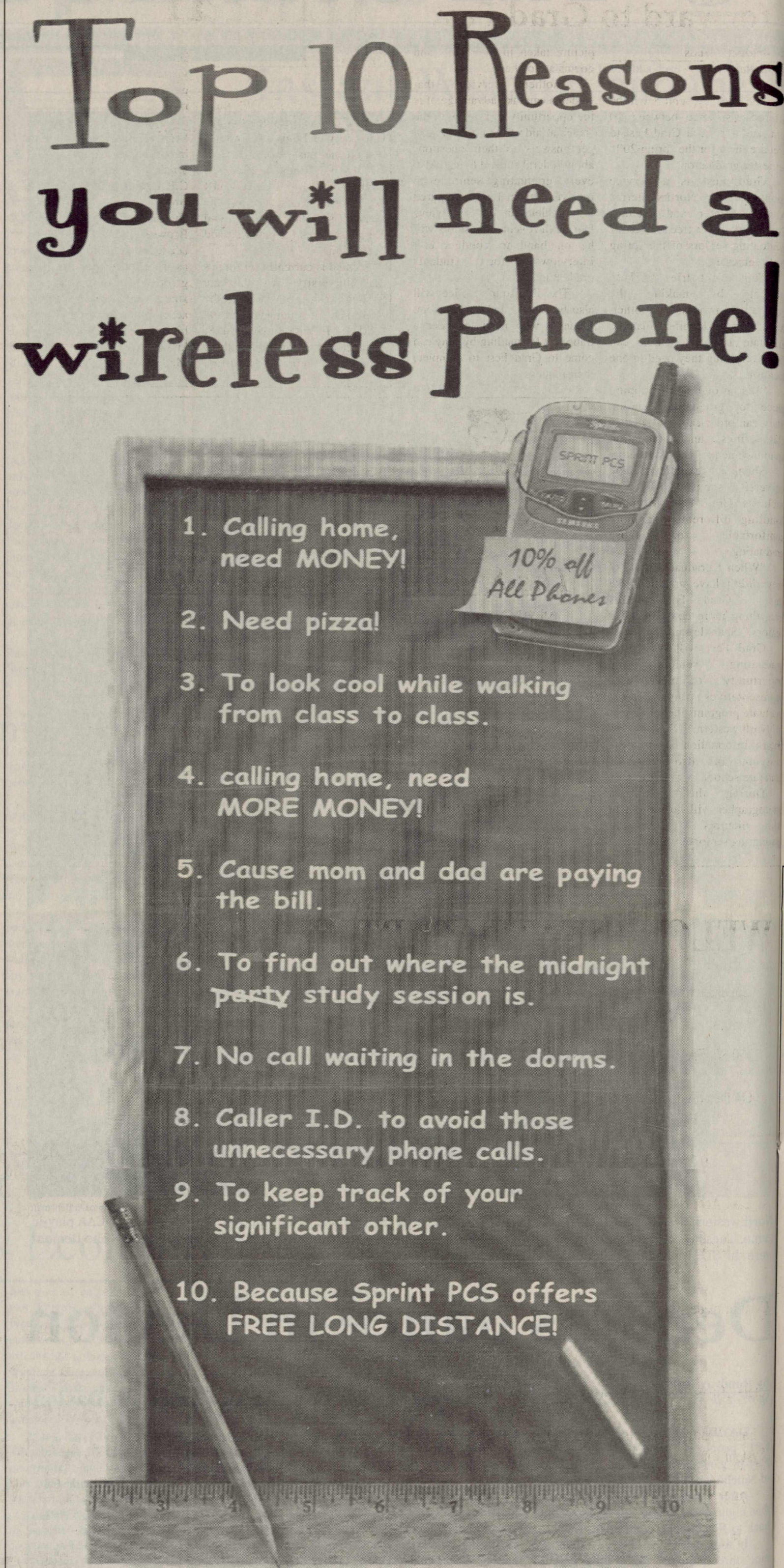
SPANISH CLUB
The Spanish Club meets every Wednesday at 3 p.m. in room 404 of Kyser Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP
NSU's Office of Financial Aid will be hosting a Financial Aid Night, Wednesday, March 21, at 6 p.m. in the President's Room of the Student Union. Loan officers and Financial Aid officials will be on hand to answer questions concerning Financial Aid, help students renew 2001-2002 FASFA's and help students complete Financial Aid data forms. Please note, those students requiring assistance completing 2001-2002 FASFA's must bring your or your parents' tax returns.

SPIRIT GROUP AUDITIONS
The Office of Admissions and Recruiting would like to announce the dates for spirit group auditions for the 2001-2002 year. Northwestern's dance line, the Demon Dazzlers, will hold tryouts March 31. Cheerleader and "Vic the Demon" tryouts are scheduled for April 21 through April 22. The Purple Pizzazz Pom Pon Line auditions will be April 28. Anyone interested in obtaining an application for spirit group auditions should contact Martha Hooper at 357-4503. Applications can be picked up at the Admissions Office in Roy Hall.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD
The SAB will be sponsoring a dinner with the Demons at the baseball field on Sunday at 1 p.m. There will be free food, door prizes and games for students with valid NSU IDs.





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University seniors look forward to Grad Fest

By Bridget Woods
Sauce Reporter

On Tuesday, seniors will be offered assistance between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at Grad Fest to prepare them for the spring 2001 semester graduation.

Grad Fest is a service sponsored by Northwestern's Alumni Center and Wallace Bookstore. It is a free service for graduating seniors of the spring 2001 semester.

This event tries to help students by making the graduation process smoother. According to Jennifer Shankle, graduate assistant, seniors can find everything they need in one location.

"It's a one stop-shopping place for graduating seniors. They can order caps and gowns, class rings, and graduation announcements," Shankle said.

Shankle explained the university sponsors an event such as Grad Fest to make handling different task more comfortable for those graduating.

"When I graduated in 1997 they didn't have anything like this. Grad Fest makes everything more convenient for seniors," Shankle said.

Grad Fest will also offer graduating seniors the opportunity to meet with representatives from different graduate programs including that of Northwestern. Seniors can obtain information about these programs and also apply for graduate school.

During the event, a photographer will be present to take pictures. Interested graduating seniors can have their picture taken in their caps and gowns at no charge.

Another service that students can take advantage of is the opportunity to meet with the financial aid office. Seniors can get answers to their questions about federal student loans. Also every graduating senior who receives financial aid is required to complete an exit interview. During the event, counselors will be on hand to conduct exit interviews for students graduating.

The Registrar's office will also be represented at the event. Students who need to order a transcript for mailing by May can come to Grad Fest to complete their request.

Jindal leaves for D.C.

By Kaleb Breaux
News Editor

President George W. Bush has called the president of the University of Louisiana Systems to a greener pasture.

Bobby Jindal, 29, was nominated by Bush last Wednesday to serve as the assistant secretary of health and human services for planning and evaluation.

Jindal is currently serving as the University of Louisiana System president, as well as the professor of management at L.S.U. He will remain U.L.S. president for about a month to ensure a smooth transition. Jindal will begin his final round visits to each of the eight universities in the UL System next week.

Jindal is a graduate of Brown University with a major in biology and public policy. He graduated from Brown with a 4.0 G.P.A. and was named one of Brown University's "Top 100" alumni. After graduating from Brown, Jindal continued his education at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar with a graduate degree in politics.

Jindal has a long list of accomplishments that will follow him into Washington, D.C. He is known for rescuing Louisiana's Medicaid program from bankruptcy by turning a $400 million dollar deficit into a $200 million dollar surplus. Also, at the age of 26, Jindal was appointed Executive Director of the National Bipartisan Commission on the future of Medicare. These are just to name a few of Jindal's major accomplishments.

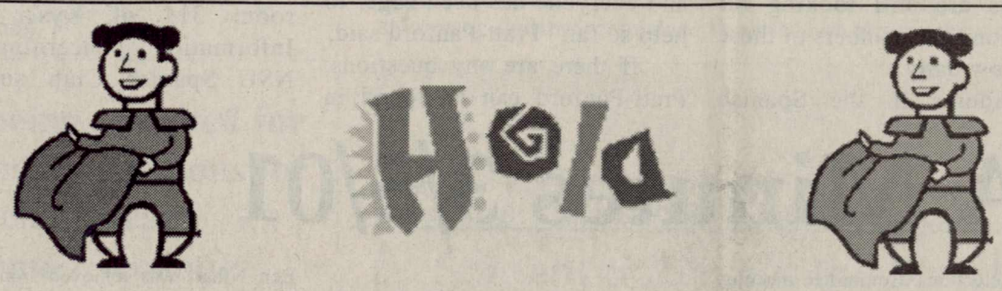
Jindal's move to Washington, D.C. will not go unnoticed by state officials.

"I hate to lose Bobby to Washington," Louisiana Governor Mike Foster said, "but President Bush has called on him personally to provide valuable advice on the top health issues facing our nation and Louisiana's people in particular."

Government officials are delighted and will receive Jindal with open arms.

"I am delighted that the President is announcing today that he intends to nominate Bobby Jindal as HHS assistant secretary for planning and evaluation," Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services said. "Bobby brings an extraordinary blend of policy and administrative experience in major health care services," he concluded.

The person who will succeed Jindal has not yet been determined.



The Spanish Club needs your help!!!

Northwestern's Spanish Club is organizing a canned food drive for the victims of the earthquake in El Salvador.
If you would like to help you can bring your canned food items to the Foreign Language Resource Center in Kyser 329 or drop them off at the various other locations around campus with collection boxes.

For more information contact Spanish Club President Kathleen Estime' at 352-6969.

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Midterm grades now accessible via Internet

By Bess Renfrow
Sauce Reporter

Midterm grades are now posted on the internet.
Students can find their grades at **www.getgrades.com** or from the NSU web page at **www2.nsula.edu**.

Grades will be available by March 13 to April 6. Students may also get their grades off the telephone by dialing 1-800-936-6418.

Students will need to know their social security number and their birthdate to access their grades.

"This change was made to help the students and make access easier," Lillie Bell, Registrar at Northwestern, said.

In the past midterm grades were handed out in the Student Union. This caused problems for some students and took time away from the registrars office. Midterm grades will be out in time for students to decide whether or not to drop.

The final day to resign, drop courses with a grade of "W" or change from credit to audit is, March 16. The final day to resign from all classes with "W + midterm grades" is April 20.

Spanish Club heads up food drive

By Bess Renfrow
Sauce Reporter

On Jan. 13, El Salvador was hit by an earthquake. This earthquake measured a 7.6 on the Richter scale. A measuring of 7.3-8.9 on the Richter scale causes railroad tracks to bend, roads to break up, alters river courses, and distorts vision.

This first earthquake was centered at sea, sixty-five miles southwest of San Miguel.

Although the exact numbers aren't known, it is estimated that over one thousand people were killed and several thousand are homeless.

Exactly one month after the first earthquake, a second struck. This quake measured a 6.1 on the Richter Scale. Rescue workers are still looking for people and the numbers of those hurt grow daily.

Students in the Spanish Club at Northwestern decided to help the people of El Salvador.

"At the meeting we were trying to decide what to do this semester. Well, one student raised their hand and suggested that we help the victims of the earthquake in El Salvador. Everyone thought this was a terrific idea," Comfort Pratt-Panford, head of the Spanish Section of the Language Department said.

Pratt had to get permission from her academic department and from the SAB. Once they received permission, members of the NSU Spanish Club began a canned food campaign.

The club's goal is to collect 10,000 cans of food.

"We believe that this will be very good for the community, and everyone has been eager to help so far," Pratt-Panford said.

If there are any questions, Pratt-Panford can be found in room 314 of Kyser Hall. Information concerning the NSU Spanish Club and the canned food drive can also be found on the internet at **www.nsula.edu/spanish.**



Photo by Rachael Kid
Journalism major Jennifer Bocanegra prepares a box of canned goods fo the Spanish Club's food drive. The drive is to help out earthquake victims i El Salvador. The club's goal is to collect 10,000 cans. There was a estimated 1,000 plus people killed in the earthquakes.

SGA Minutes 3/5/01

I. Call to Order- 7:06 p.m.

The prayer was led by Frank Toro. The pledge was led by Stacie Cosby.

Roll Call:

Present
Leanna Anderson
Vanessa Byrd
Buster Carlisle
Greg Comeaux
Matthew Comeaux
Stacie Cosby
Craig Coutee
Jessica Cramer
William Eilers
Dustin Floyd
Will Hooper
Elizabeth Hughes
Shaun Jackson
Jeremy Malmay
Dustin Matthews
Justin Owen
Shelly Smith
Shymika Stephenson
Frank Toro
Glenn Ward
Brian Wilkinson
David Gunn
Rusty Broussard

Absent
Chante Bellard-excused
Peyton Giddens
Lacie Jackson
Tara Newman-excused
Jeremiah Newsom-excused
Jennifer Whittington
Jonathan Chance-excused
Wayne Bush
Ben Nihart

Special Guests

1. Wes Breeden and Chris Baker explained Push America. They are the only two participants selected from our school to compete and will need about $4,000. Push America starts June 10 in San Francisco, California and ends August 12 in Washington D.C. Any donations will be given to physically disabled children. They will meet Friday at 2:00PM with Fiscal Affairs.

2. Ben Andrews from the Demon Flight Team proposed a budget for Safecon that will be held May 14-20. They will meet Friday at 1:00 p.m. with Club Sports in order to formulate an acceptable budget.

Dustin Matthews walked in.

II. Executive Reports

Treasurer- Wayne Bush- no report.

Vice President- Rusty Broussard
Breakfast with the President with Panhellenic last Tuesday went well. Tomorrow Breakfast with the President is with the Freshman Connectors. SGA received the new digital camera. Vanessa Byrd said everyone who is willing can take a picture after the meeting to put on the webpage. Rusty Broussard commends the SGA for keeping up with office hours.

President- David Gunn
I resubmitted a draft of the User-Fee Agreement to Dr.Webb for his signature this morning. I am confident that this document is one that all parties can agree upon. Let me point out the changes from this draft as compared to last week.
The digital camera and scanner came in this week. I d like to work with internal affairs in drawing up a policy for camera use.
The final COSBP meeting of the spring semester will be April 7, and 8 in New Orleans. Due to budget constraints perhaps we should bring up to 4 people on this particular trip. This is the weekend before Easter break. I need three volunteers. Buster Carlisle, Dustin Matthews, Elizabeth Hughes, Shaun Jackson, and Craig Coutee volunteered. Elizabeth Hughes and Shaun Jackson will already be in New Orleans. They will not need accommodations.
I have two items that people who need to write legislation may be able to use. One is a resolution congratulating the men s basketball team on their first ever NCAA tournament berth, and Southland Conference tournament championship. The other is an item sent to us from the James Madison University SGA that pertains to an U.S. legislative initiative called the liberty bill, for information on this please see the bulletin board in the office.

III. Department Reports

Academic Affairs- Jessica Cramer
Sorry to those who attended the meeting last week. Lillie Bell contacted her about a meeting at 2:00 on Thursday for calendar committee. The meeting this week is cancelled also.

External Affairs- Glenn Ward
Thanks to everyone who helped promote elections. Committee meeting is tomorrow at 3:00 p.m.

Fiscal Affairs- Vanessa Byrd for Wayne Bush
Attendance for last week s meeting was poor.

Club Sports- Frank Toro- Meeting is Friday at 1:00 p.m.

Organizational Grants- Matthew Comeaux- We met with the delegates from each organization today about the grants and voted for them. Three grants totaling $620 were given.

Fee Review- Greg Comeaux- Needs to meet with committee members after the meeting.

Internal Affairs- Vanessa Byrd
Peyton Giddens has a notice for removal for 2 unexcused official meeting absences. All students who will be graduating can talk to Mr. Henry about getting a Graduate Assistant job. Jessica Cramer is the nominee for February Senator of the Month. Food for the banquet is in discussion tonight as well as the By-law amendments.

Election Board- Elizabeth Hughes- Voting booth letter came in.
LOAD- Dustin Floyd- Glad to see legislation.

Student Affairs- Justin Owen
Attendance at the meeting today was great. We will have legislation on lighting next week. Traffic and Appeals met today. It lasted 40 minutes.

Forum Committee- Shaun Jackson- Forum on residential life is March 22 at 7:00 p.m. We will meet Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

SAB Non-voting Representative- Will Hooper
Michelle Myers is the new president.
Molly Beach is the new vice president.
Stroke 9 will be the band for Spring Fling.

Advisor s Report- Mr. Henry
He thanked David Gunn, Rusty Broussard, and Matthew Comeaux for their work on the User-Fee Agreement. He also thanked the Traffic and Appeals committee.

IV. Old Business

Stacie Cosby spoke on her behalf not to be removed from the SGA.
Dustin Floyd moved to suspend the use of secret ballot.
Justin Owen seconded.
The motion passed- general consent.

Lacie Jackson was removed from SGA. 21-0-0
Ben Nihart was removed from SGA. 17-2-2
Stacie Cosby was not removed from SGA. 0-21-0

Matthew Comeaux moved to approve the By-law amendments.
Shaun Jackson seconded.
The motion passed. 21-0-0

V. New Business

Everyone needs to review Resolution SP01-003, Resolution SP01-004, and Bill SP00-001.

Dustin Floyd moved to approve a maximum of $450 for the banquet which will be held on April 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pavilion.
Shaun Jackson seconded.
The motion passed. 21-0-0

Shaun Jackson moved to approve Jessica Cramer as February Senator of the Month.
Greg Comeaux seconded.
The motion passed- general consent.

VI. Announcements

Traffic and Safety meets tomorrow a 2:00 p.m.

Jessica Cramer said there was n academic affairs meeting this week.

Matthew Comeaux expressed th importance of reviewing the bill fo next week.

Rusty reminded senators to stay aft meeting to get picture taken for th webpage.

David Gunn said to watch th basketball team tomorrow night o TNN.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:0 p.m.

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SGA changes parking zone

By Debra Treon
Sauce Reporter

The Student Government Association along with the traffic and parking committee has initiated a cost free plan to increase the commuter parking spots by 40.

On Feb. 13 the traffic and parking committee unanimously voted to rezone the Caspari parking lot. It will be changed from a residential zone to a residential/commuter zone. This is now in affect.

New signs will be put up, the change will be announced on the radio, and the new parking maps should reflect the change. Commuters may now begin to park in this area.

"The university police should not be ticketing commuters for parking in this area," SGA president, David Gunn, said.

The new parking plan will not take away parking places from the commuters. There are around 40 extra parking places in the Caspari parking lot due to the fact that only half of the dorm is lived in. The other half is condemned.

This is a cost convenient area. It is located in the center of campus. The parking lot is in within 3 minute walking distance from the Student Union and 5 minutes walking distance from Kyser.

"It is an essential part of the campus and an example of a short term solution to parking," said Gunn.



Photo by Rachael Kidd
The parking lot located in the rear of Caspari Hall is being changed from a resident zone to a commuter/resident zone. The parking lot change comes after many students complained about the lack of parking on campus.

Leaky roof causes auditorium closure

A leaky roof has caused University officials at to close the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium for several weeks.

Staff in NSU's Physical Plant were recently notified some plaster in the auditorium had fallen. An inspection by roofing contractors indicated the roof over the old wing of the A.A. Fredericks Center for Creative and Performing Arts had developed a leak. The auditorium was immediately closed and several events scheduled in the facility over the next several weeks were moved.

The next step, according to Facilities Coordinator W.K. Norman, is to get temporary repairs. He said the repairs should be done in time for the April 26-29 production of "Kismet."

"We are working with contractors to make temporary modifications to the roof to ensure safety and to allow continued use of the auditorium," said Norman. "Because of the type of roof over that area, it is extremely difficult to do visual inspections and find out about such problems. You have to cut into the roof to find out there is a leak."

Norman said Physical Plant staff are working with the Louisiana Office of Facility Planning Control to receive authorization to place a new roof over the Performing Arts Center.

Applications are now being accepted for the following student media positions for the 2001-2002 school year (including 2001 summer session):

Applications can be obtained in the Department of Journalism office, room 103 Kyser Hall, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Completed applications must be returned to Mrs. McNeely in room 103 by 4 p.m. Friday, April 6.

Editor, *The Current Sauce* (student newspaper)
Editor, *Potpourri* (student yearbook)
Editor, *Argus* (student literary magazine)
General Manager, KNWD (student radio station)

Potential applicants should check the 2001 Student Handbook for qualifications required before submitting an application. Questions can be answered by Neil Ralston at 357-4439.

LSU Baseball Tickets On Sale

Student tickets for the March 27 Baseball game versus the LSU Tigers will be available beginning Thursday at 6 p.m. at Brown Stroud Field when the Demons host the Nebraska Cornhuskers, coached by former Demon Dave Van Horn. The tickets are in a limited quantity so make sure you come and watch the game and get your ticket. Bring your current ID!!

Scholars' College to host speaker

Michael B. Brezinsky, who teaches philosophy at Tulane University and Loyola University in New Orleans, will give a lecture on the existentialist philosopher Martin Heidegger Friday at the University.

The lecture will be at 2:00 p.m. in Room 204 of Morrison Hall and is sponsored by the Louisiana Scholars' College at NSU. Admission is free and open to the public.

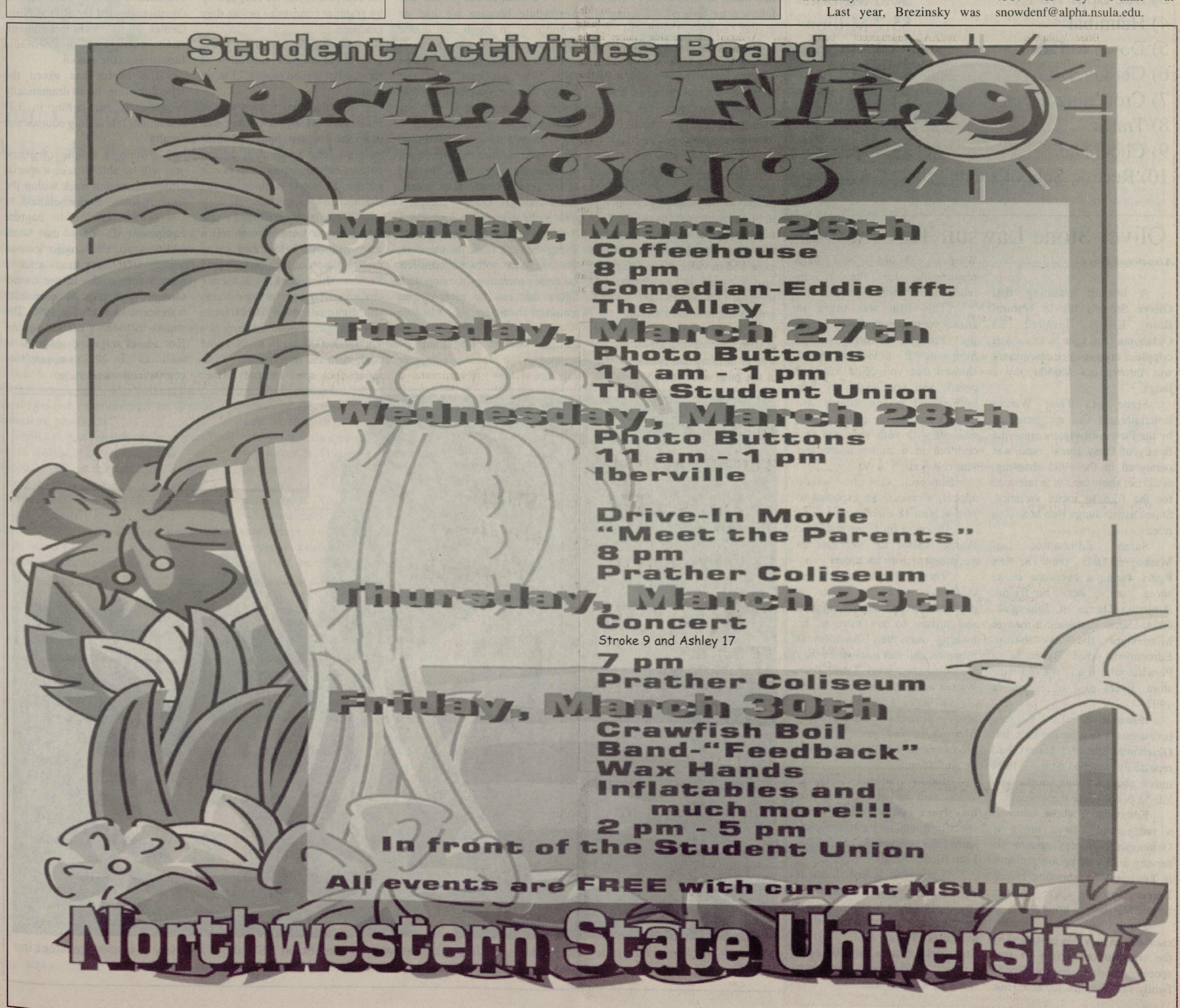
The presentation, "Heidegger and the Meaning of Existence," will "explore the implications of Heidegger's thinking about who we, as human beings, are," said Brezinsky.

Last year, Brezinsky was honored by the Tulane University Mortar Board with their Award for Outstanding Teaching.

Brezinsky' s presentation at NSU is in conjunction with Fraser Snowden's course on existentialism.

"Heidegger, who died in 1976, is widely considered one of the most important thinkers of the 20th century," said Snowden. "It is exciting to have this young Heidegger scholar come to Northwestern to share his insights about this complex and controversial figure."

For further information, contact Snowden at (318) 357-4587 or by e-mail at snowdenf@alpha.nsula.edu.



Questions raised about Aramark food policies

By Mindy Mixon
LIFE Reporter

Aramark has long been an easy target for student anger and it appears the University food supplier is once again in the hot seat. This time the controversy comes as a result of shrinking the sandwich bread.

Where students used to receive a full 12-inch size sub from the cafeteria, now they are served up a sandwich half as large.

OK, well surely they aren't charging the same price, right? Wrong, one can still purchase a tasty-half-the-size-as-the-original sub for the same price - $4.

Joe Tillman, director of Aramark, claims that "Aramark is in the same boat as the students."

Apparently, Aramark's corporate office supplier changed brands of bread.

"Our supplier switched from the original Rich's to the newer style Pillsbury," Tillman said. "And Pillsbury doesn't offer the same product, which translates into smaller rations of bread for consumers."

Aramark argues that the price difference hasn't changed for them, either.

"We still pay the same amount for a delivery of this new bread that we paid for a delivery of the previous bread. We can't charge a cheaper price to the students because we still pay the same amount." Tillman said.

While this new bread is supposed to be a better quality, the only thing students have noticed is that it lacks in size.

Graduate student Phillip Wise commented that "In most cases you get what you pay for, just not this one."

Tillman issued a survey for the students regarding the bread controversy and plans to use this as ammunition against Pillsbury. But how long will it take? Aramark worker Lemoria Dillon thinks "it will happen soon. There are negotiations taking place right now so it should not be too much longer."

At least Dillon hopes it won't continue much longer. As a sandwich worker, she listens to



Photo by Rachael Kidd

Is Aramark the food service that offers less for more?

complaints every day about the sandwich size.

"The bottom line is if they make the bread shorter, the price should be lower. I tell the students who complain that it's not us, it's management." she said.

Students have more problems with Aramark than just the bread, however.

Brandy Youngblood, a senior Business major, said, "My problem is with the prices. They have a contract with the school and they milk it for all it's worth. Take for example a one-pound bag of M&M's. It costs $6.99 and that's just outrageous."

Rob Morgan, a junior journalism student, added his "roast beef was actually bleeding. It costs me $7.00, was tough as a boot and the other end was bleeding. Let's not forget to mention that a quarter of the portion was fat. I am far more weary when eating there. Now, I stick with fruit because it's hard to mess up fruit."

Another incident happened to Broadcast Journalism major Randall Frederick.

"I could stick my finger in my dinner roll and pull yeast out of it," Frederick said. "I mean, come on now. You've really got to start wondering how great this new bread company is. Either the bread isn't made right, or Aramark is making a poor investment in who they do business with. Either way, you buy a meal and half of it gets thrown away. I spend half as much in a vending machine, get better quality, and actually get enough to eat."

If Tillman has his way negotiations will go well and both parties will be satisfied.

Top 10 Films for Week of March 15th,

1) The Mexican	$12.2 Million
2) 15 Minutes	$10.6 Million
3) See Spot Run	$6.6 Million
4) Hannibal	$5.7 Million
5) Down to Earth	$5.5 Million
6) Get Over It	$4.4 Million
7) Crouching Tiger	$4.3 Million
8) Traffic	$3.9 Million
9) Chocolate	$3.8 Million
10) Recess: School's Out	$2.2 Million

UNO gets advanced film equipment

Associated Press

University of New Orleans students made a monkey out of Robert Montgomery. As the black-clad actor danced, pranced and got into mock martial arts fights with fellow actor Joshua Cox, a ring of digital cameras recorded his movements and fed them into a computer. At a bank of computers, students linked the data with a 3-D image of a monkey they created, and moments later, the digital chimp capered exactly as Montgomery had.

The exercise was part of the unveiling of UNO's new motion capture studio, which lets animators use human movements to bring their creations to life. The technology is used in movies, including the latest *Star Wars* saga, and in video game design. It also is used in biomechanical medical diagnoses and helps golfers improve their swing.

The $270,000 motion capture system part of the UNO Studio Center in Elmwood Business Park is the only such university lab in the country dedicated to entertainment-related projects, said Dean LaCoe, vice president of Motion Analysis Inc., which developed the system and donated $40,000 in software to the project.

"We thought this project was worthwhile because we had an opportunity to mesh the drama department with the graphic artists and the computer people," LaCoe said. "The students who use motion capture equipment in other places have to share it with the medical school or something."

The technology uses digital cameras to capture the movement of reflective white balls attached to the actor's head, torso, joints, hands and feet. On one computer screen, the movements look like a twisting, turning constellation. Using the data from the cameras, the computer software connects the dots, generating a moving stick figure that can be merged into animated characters.

It's a big improvement in realism over the ``key framing'' technology, in which a computer calculates how to animate a character based on several still frames of illustration, LaCoe said. People skilled in motion capture technology are in such demand that school officials are worried that students trained in how to use the equipment will be snapped up by graphics companies before they graduate.

"The biggest bottleneck in the growth of digital media is a shortage of skilled people," LaCoe said.

School administrators hope to head that off by designing the program so that students must have a strong background in film courses before getting to sit in one of the 15 work stations at the studio.

"We're setting it up so that they have to learn how to tell a story with film before they get to motion capture training," said Roger Benischek, associate chairman of the university's drama and communications department, who has spearheaded the project. The $600,000 used to buy the equipment and renovate the 4,000-square-foot space in the former appliance warehouse came from several sources, including the UNO Foundation, a competitive grant from the state Board of Regents and financing from the Robert E. Nims and Myrtis Nims Foundation, whose $1.2 million donation created the Robert Nims Center for Entertainment, Amusement and Multi-Media Industries at the school.

The center has given the school the impetus to dramatically broaden its curriculum in 3-D animation. It is adding courses and faculty.

"Within a couple of years, you will be able to take a special effects animation track within the film program,'' Benischek said.

The motion capture equipment is only the latest addition to the studio center, which UNO acquired after a private film studio in the former Campo Appliances & Electronics warehouse went bust in 1998. The studio includes a 10,000-square-foot sound stage for students, as well as a 20,000-square-foot commercial sound stage.

Oliver Stone Lawsuit Thrown Out

Associated Press

A lawsuit claiming that Oliver Stone's movie Natural Born Killers inspired an Oklahoma teen-ager to shoot and cripple a convenience store clerk was thrown out Monday by a judge.

Stone and Time Warner Entertainment Co. are protected by the First Amendment since the family of Patsy Byers, who was paralyzed in the 1995 shooting, could not show the Stone intended for the film to incite violence, State District Judge Bob Morrison ruled.

Sarah Edmondson of Muskogee, Okla., then 18, shot Byers during a two-state crime spree with her boyfriend, Benjamin Darras of Tahlequah, Okla. Darras murdered a man in Mississippi the day before Edmondson shot Byers at a Ponchatoula, La., convenience store. Byers died of cancer in 1997.

Edmondson told investigators that before they left Oklahoma, she and Darras had repeatedly watched Stone's 1994 movie about a young couple who kill 52 people over three weeks.

Edmondson, whose father is a judge and whose uncle is Oklahoma's attorney general, is serving a 35-year prison sentence in Louisiana for shooting Byers. Darras is serving a life sentence for the Mississippi killing.

Stone and Time Warner claimed the movie is protected by the constitutional right to free speech. Attorneys for the Byers' family said the director and Time Warner should be held responsible for the violent reaction to the film.

"This film was made to attract young people,'' said one of the family's attorneys, Joe Simpson. "It is violent and it showed that you could kill 100 people and you could say that police and prison guards are corrupt and, in the end, you can ride off with your wife and two children in a motor home and you're a hero.''

Simpson said he would appeal, a process he expected to take at least 18 months.

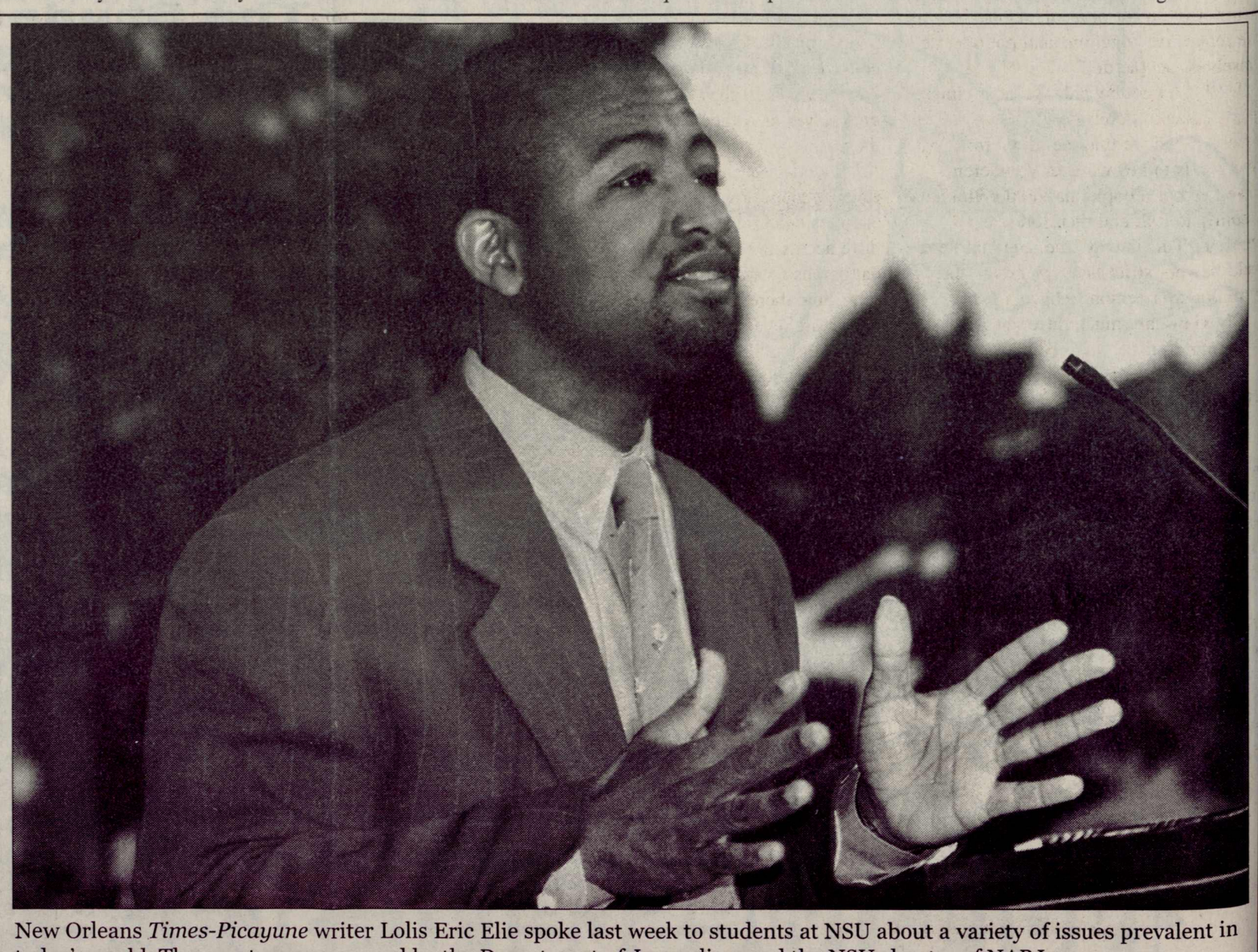
Attorneys for Stone and Time Warner called the decision an important victory for artists.

"This decision makes clear that the work of artists is protected by the First Amendment and artists do not have to be looking over their shoulders at litigation and tort suits when they are doing their work,'' said Time Warner attorney Walter Dellinger.

Dellinger said the decision also protects documentary filmmakers and news program producers who might be targeted by similar suits.

Stone's attorney, David Wood, said the judge's ruling that the Byers family had to show specific intent to incite violence shows the suit should never have been filed.

"Something is lost in all of this: The issue of personal responsibility and the idea of people being responsible for their actions,'' Wood said. ``Oliver Stone did not cause Patsy Byers to be shot. It was Sarah Edmonson that shot Patsy Byers.''



New Orleans *Times-Picayune* writer Lolis Eric Elie spoke last week to students at NSU about a variety of issues prevalent in today's world. The event was sponsored by the Department of Journalism and the NSU chapter of NABJ.

Opinions

Instant Wisdom: Tony Blanco's Last Will and Testament

by Tony Blanco

I can't help the ideas I have. I can't control what I think. When I write, it's as if I am being possessed by an angel from heaven and my fingers are guided across the keyboard by heavenly forces. I do not choose to write. If I could choose to write, I would not write such pompous crap. I do as I am compelled to. I am being pulled by invisible current and frankly I'm getting scared.

Everyone tells me that my articles have a tendency to make people angry. I hear of bitter angry complaints all the time. I am beginning to fear for my personal safety. But I can't stop writing; it is necessary that I at least publish this document. It may be very important in the weeks to come.

I present to you the reader, my last will and testament which I ask be followed to the letter should I die mysteriously and suddenly. Don't trust me.

I, Anthony H. Blanco, A resident of the parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, being of sound mind (sort of), and knowing of the certainties of life, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, revoking all who dare to challenge.

I declare that I have been single all of my life. I have never given issue to any children to my honest knowledge, nor have I legally adopted any.

I acknowledge that my roommates have brought to my residence certain movable personal property of their previous personal lives. All property purchased from any account in their name shall conclusively be deemed to be their separate property. The *Current Sauce* will be permitted to run reprints of my previously published writings for a period of up to one year from the date of my death.

I will and bequeath to any romantic interest, upon which my gaze has momentarily settled, the sum of $47.36 and my interest in any laundry detergent and condoms we may have purchased jointly.

I will and bequeath to any future products of paternity suits, $24 and two almost new jars of rubber cement.

I will and bequeath to the strange loud people who live under my house, a one-eighth interest in and to all of the property of which I die possessed.

I will to the demon that possesses me, a seven-eighths interest in and to all of the property of which I die possessed. I also will to this demon, should he exist, all rights and control of the ethereal substance known as my eternal soul.

None of my fans shall be required to collate any gifts made to them during my lifetime.

I instruct my executor, after an up to one year possession by The Smithsonian Institution, to allow king of pop, rock, and soul Michael Jackson the first opportunity to buy the lifeless rotting remains I leave upon this earth, since he has expressed desire on many occasions to be afforded that opportunity. It is not expected that the price of human corpses will be diminished, but that he shall pay fair market value for the property if he chooses to buy it.

I realize this provision is merely a suggestion, but I expect the rest of the world to honor it.

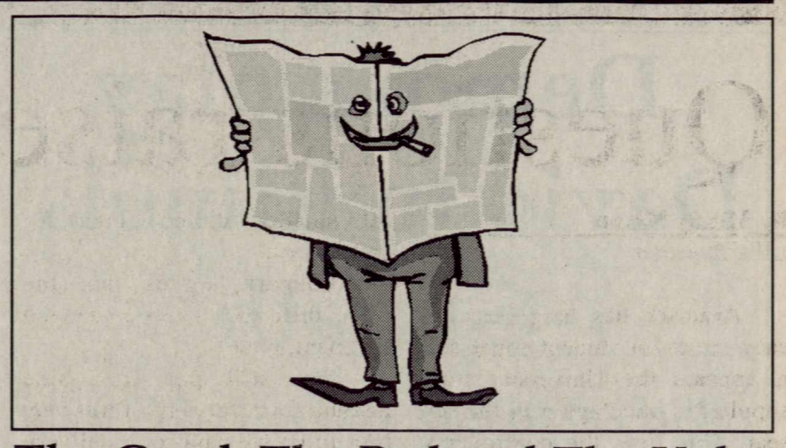
I name and appoint the Son of God, Jesus Christ, as executor of this my last will and testament and dispense him from the necessity of having to give any bond.

In the event Jesus Christ fails or ceases to serve as my Executor, I name and appoint Lord of Darkness Satan, as my alternate executor, who shall also serve without bond.

The final condition of this document is that if I am smited by the eternal sword of God, the above provisions of this will become null and void. In this event, all of my effects become the personal property of Rev. Robert Tilton and the Word of Faith ministries. My soul in this case should be cast to oblivion for all eternity.

In witness whereof, I have not signed this, my last will and testament consisting of several lines in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named, undersigned, underscored, underpaid, unhappy, overwrought, overworked, overstimulated, suped up and generally awesomed out on this 15 day of March 2001.

And that's my will. I hope Santa Claus brings you kids what you want this year. I asked for a bulletproof vest. See you next week, maybe.



The Good, The Bad and The Ugly

with Josh Beavers, Editor

I hate frats and sororities. I really, really do.

I hate everything about them. Everything from their self-importance to their fakeness to their prejudices. They are not a pretty group of people and it disgusts me everytime I walk into Vic's and see them all huddled together on the right as if they are still in a high school cafeteria.

I hope you all realize how much I truly despise these people. Because, as much as it pains me, I actually have something good to say about them.

Last night I went to the annual honors banquet sponsored by Phi Kappa Phi. No, I said Phi Kappa Phi, not Pi Kappa Cry, I mean Pi Kappa Phi. Anyway, I walked in and took a seat. After a moment of glancing around I noticed something. There were a lot of Greeks there, I mean a lot of Greeks.

They were there receiving actual awards. I mean honest to goodness actual academic awards. My mouth dropped a couple of inches as I took in the revelation that these Greeks apparently aren't as all dumb as I thought.

I abruptly realized, however, why there were so many of them there. They are Greeks. They have the benefit of teachers who are fellow Greek members padding their grades with false points. They have the benefit of somebody's money buying that B when "Daddy's little girl" stayed out all night partying and banging every member of any frat that comes her way. In the case of some of these girls any sorority that comes her way for that matter. Oh, and don't forget about the marathon study sessions that are forced on members every week. Better show up or you're liable not to be able to go to the "Kegger" this weekend.

So the next time you see a Greek making a good grade or especially receiving an academic award ask yourself two questions - is she that smart or is this the same girl who thinks cat is spelled with a "K" and was at the Pinnacle until closing the night before the test?

That should halt all further questions about Greek brain power.

I bet you thought that I was going to say that these Greeks are hard working and smart. Unfortunately, I cannot say this, but I did say they were devious, underhanded and superficial. I guess those are good qualities for a job in Public Relations.

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I would like to thank those who have written in. Your support is appreciated. Furthermore, any work that may be of interest to the student body should by submitted.

Mary Freeman,
Opinions Editor



Letters to the Editor



Gun Control in the United States: A Reply to William F. Eilers Article

Dear William F. Eilers,

I read, with great interest, your letter that was printed in the last week's *Current Sauce*. I am glad that the last massacre in California kept your attention, and I agree with you that the media cannot be fully blamed for influencing the children's action.

However, I am afraid we do not share the same idea about the guns.

In your letter, you said that: "The gun is a simple machine not much more different from a car or a calculator, they all serve respective functions and not operate themselves, people do."

Well, I do not consider guns as simple objects. Instead, I consider them as weapons. I believe that the prime function of the gun is to kill whether you defend yourself or not. People that hold a gun have the ability to kill, and therefore are dangerous. This is why I believe that there should be very strict laws for giving the permission to a person to have a gun.

My views are much different because I come from France.

In America, every time a massacre happens, the first question that every American ask themselves is: "Why?"

Since the NRA dictates to Americans that guns are good, the first accused would be the media. The president then makes a speech about how immoral the media are, and Marilyn Manson, king of the immoral, will become the official bad guy.

Since these statements do not make any sense, nothing really happens, and Marilyn Manson sells more records. Media are the perfect scapegoat.

In France, and probably most European countries, we are not infected by that nasty NRA disease, so the first question that comes to our mind is: "How can a 15 year old kid have a gun?"

In Europe the gun frenzy does not exist. Not that many people have guns, besides the laws are usually very strict for guns.

We sometimes have cases of teenagers going wild and trying to kill their teacher or classmates, but they do not have guns, so the death toll is very low (if there is one) when it happens. We never had a case that was as devastating as Columbine or, more recently, Santee.

If you look at the death rate due to guns for European countries, you will see that it is very low and is not considered as a major cause of death. In America, where guns are easily accessible, the death rate is much higher and is one of the major causes of death.

The paradox with America is that geographically there are no boundary countries that are a threat, but most Americans feels they need a gun to defend themselves as if the enemy was standing at the door.

Since it is easy to get a gun, the crime rate is higher. You create your own enemies because all of the unstable people have access to a gun. Guns are very dangerous weapons and,for me, it makes sense that there should be very serious laws restricting its access, so that not everyone could get a gun.

Isn't it scary that the two Columbine killers bought four modified guns at a gun show?

Bush Junior believes that the shooting problem will be solved by teaching more moral values to kids. I believe more in the saying: "You can lead a horse to water but you cannot make him drink." Do not make me think that the Santee killer did not know that killing was a bad thing.

I am realistic, I know that guns cannot be totally banned from American life, even if I believe they should. However, we still can restrict their access and reinforce laws concerning their use.

When a car has some new functions that could harm people in an accident there will immediately be laws that will set standards to make it safe. I think guns should get the same treatment.

Sincerely,
Mathieu Feracci
Miracle Man from Paris

Tony Blanco's Questionable Wisdom

Two weeks ago I was appalled at an article Blanco wrote that basically said that women were here to serve men. He stated that if he sat around and thought about how sexy he was he would BE sexy.

This week Blanco launches into an in-depth article about his apparent expertise in the area of masturbation. In my past experience with people that talk about sex constantly I have come to the conclusion that they either: (1) Experience a lot of what they talk about all the time, or (2)Never experience what they talk about all the time. In the past two articles by Blanco I have come to believe that he fits into both of these categories. He masturbates a lot and he never has sex with women!

I believe that Blanco only writes these types of articles because he does not have the respect for women or sex that a REAL man has, and that he believes that to be a successful writer he must piss people off! Come on Blanco, write something that does not crawl out of the gutter, that is entertaining and informative, something that is not smut-filled. (And while you are at it, draw a cartoon that has a point, makes sense, or is at least funny.)

Come on Current Sauce print something that does not crawl out of the gutter, that is entertaining and informative, something that is not smut-filled. If this is the best you can come up with try leaving it blank. At least then I will not have to explain to anyone that I know who may happen to pick up this paper why you would feel the need to print such an empty attempt at journalism.

Just to help those of us who feel threatened by someone who would want to write such articles feel a little safer, how about printing Blanco's (I hesitate to call him Mr.) picture next to any article he may have printed in the Current Sauce? That way we can recognize him and steer clear of anything we see him touching.

Oh yeah! Thank you, Blanco, for making sure your genes end with you. Just keep it to yourself!

by Tully Thornton,
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Sports

Demons play David to Illinois' Goliath

NSU set to face No. 1 seed Friday

By Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

DAYTON, OH - Don't break out the champagne just yet.

After NSU's thrilling 71-67 won over a relentless Winthrop team, the Demons now really get a chance to prove worth with a first-round game versus top-seeded Illinois on two days rest.

The Illini, led by first-year head coach Bill Self, won the regular-season co-championship of the Big Ten. They enter this game with a 24-7 record, with one of those 24 wins coming over defending national champion Michigan State.

"Sure we're excited about it," said head coach Mike McConathy. "It's a tremendous challenge. We know that it's never been done (No.16 beating a No.1 seed), but we still have to prepare and try to get in a position where we can compete."

To prepare for Illinois means to prepare for Big Ten player of the year Frank Williams. The sophomore is ranked in the top ten in the conference in scoring (15 ppg), assists (4.1) and steals (2.1) and leads his team in those same categories.

The Demons will also have to deal with one of the deepest teams in the nation. Illinois' bench has scorer at every position all the way down to the10th player.

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Northwestern State Demons
(19-12)
vs.
Illinois Fighting Illini
(24-7)

Friday, 11:15 a.m.
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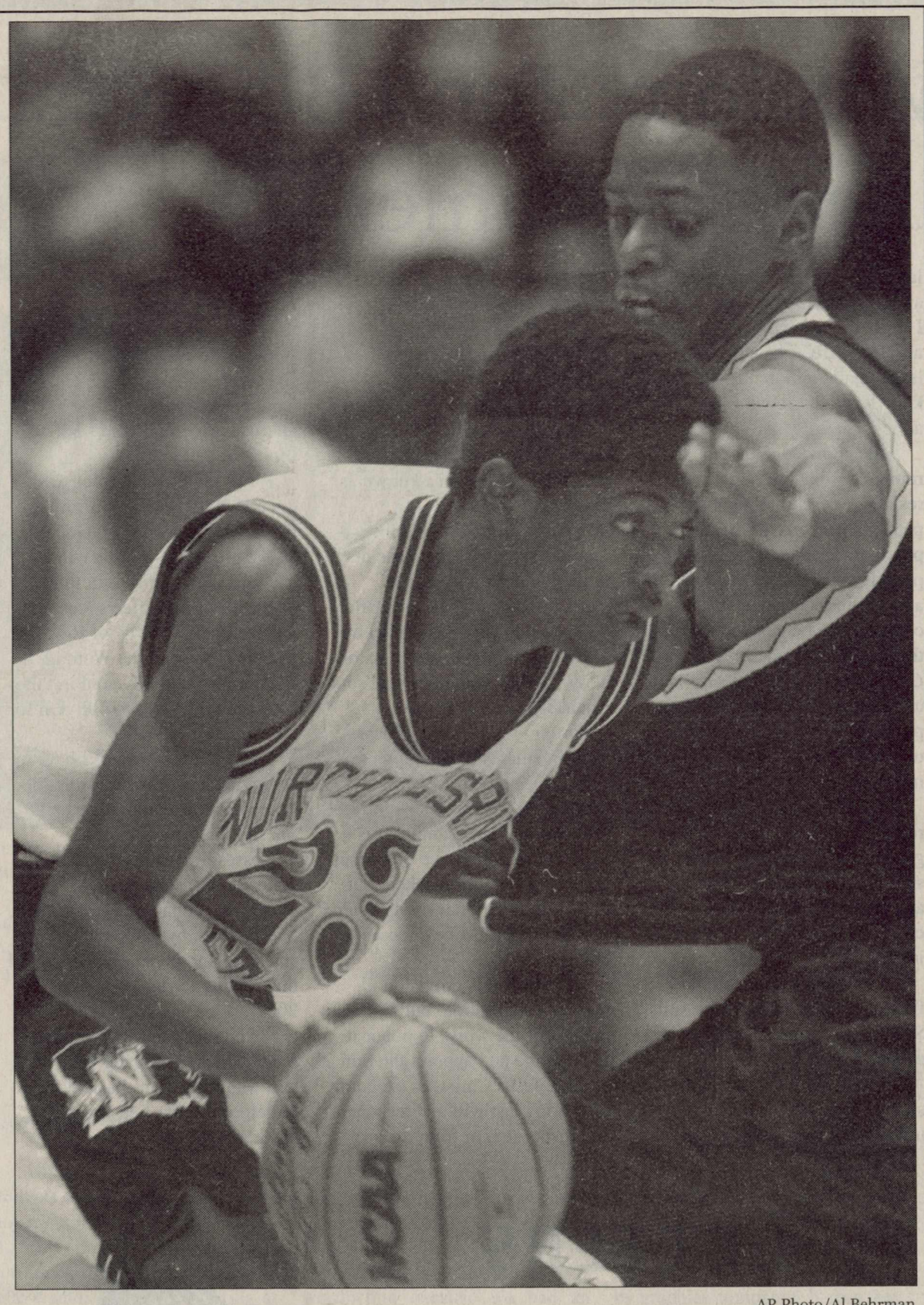
"When we walk out on the floor, we have to have the attitude that we want to try to win the basketball game," McConathy said.

Illinois shot 36 percent for 3-pointers and average nearly 77 points a game.

Both teams play a similar pressure-style defense. The Illini use a hounding man-to-man defense and likes to create scoring opportunities off fast breaks and turnovers.

"It's an honor to play a top-ranked team in the NCAA tournament," McConathy said. "Most time we play top-ranked teams on home floor in guarantee games. We're very excited about playing them here."

The game will be televised on CBS at 11:15 a.m. locally.



AP Photo/Al Behrman
Northwestern State guard Josh Hancock (23) drives past Winthrop defender Pierre Wooten (10) in the first half of the NCAA play-in game, Tuesday, March 13, 2001, in Dayton, Ohio.

Demon guard may miss rest of tourney

Associated Press

Northwestern State guard Pooh Davis maybe out for the remainder of the NCAA Tournament with torn ligaments in his right knee. NSU graduate assistant trainer Chad Moon believes Davis may have torn the ligaments.


Davis

The injury occurred during the Demons' shootaround Tuesday afternoon before their 71-67 victory over Winthrop in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament.

Davis started the game, but played only six minutes after feeling pain in his knee.

Wednesday morning Davis had his knee drained for fluid, but blood was detected. The injury hasn't done much to damper the Demons' spirits in the wake of their first ever NCAA Tournament win.

"Pooh tried to play last night, but his knee stiffened up, so he's going to have an MRI (Thursday)," Northwestern head coach Mike

McConathy said. "But it's still a tremendous feeling to be walking around feeling you're still alive."

March Madness reigns in Natchitoches, University

March Madness has struck and the people of Natchitoches and Northwestern State University couldn't be happier.

The NSU Demons are making the most of their first NCAA Tournament appearance winning the tournament's opening game 71-67 over Winthrop Tuesday. Northwestern (19-12), the 16th seed, will play Illinois, the top seeded team in the Midwest Region, Friday at 11:15 a.m. in Dayton, Ohio.

Friday's game will be televised by CBS and will be shown in north Louisiana on KSLA-TV in Shreveport and KNOE-TV in Monroe. The game will be broadcast to 21 percent of the country including all CBS stations in Louisiana, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan and Ohio.

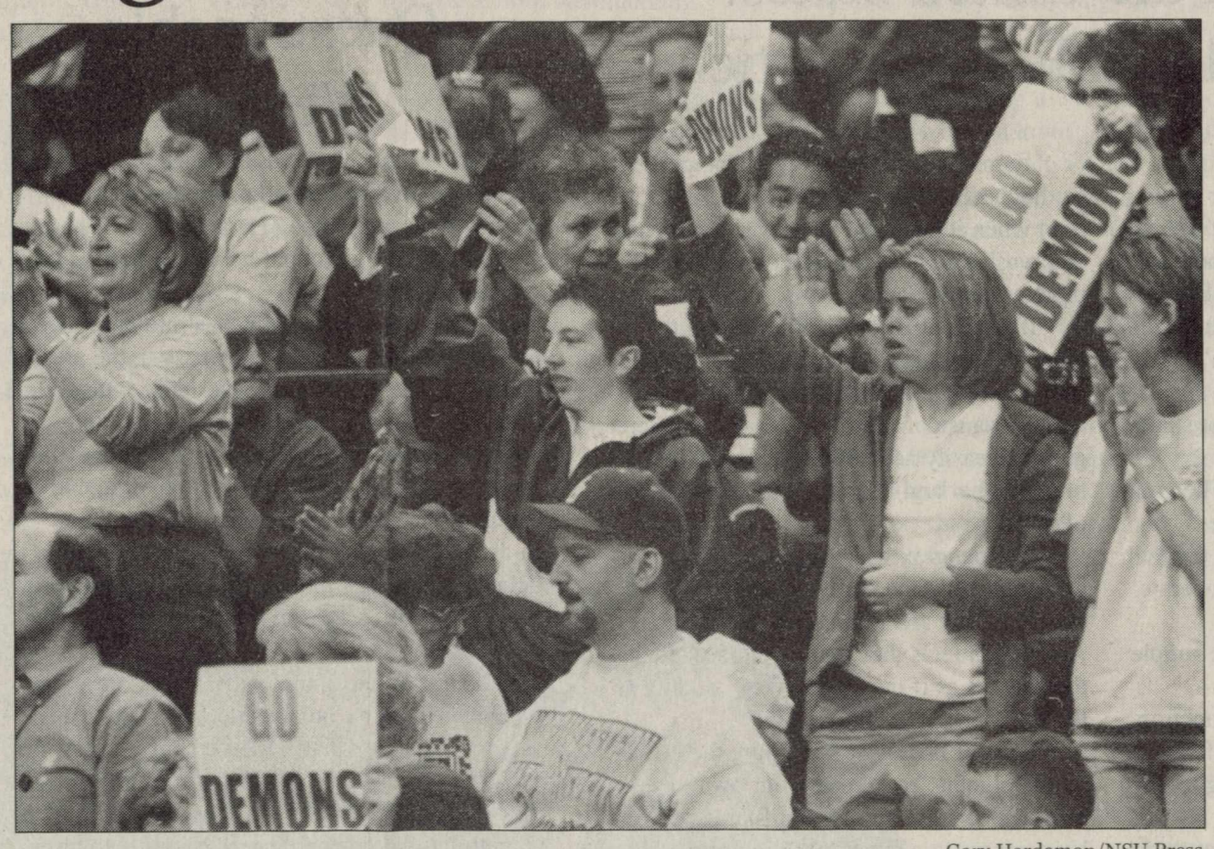
Northwestern under second-year coach Mike McConathy is 19-12, equaling the most wins by a Demon men's basketball team in 19 years. NSU has won six in a row and eight of its last nine games.

"This is an exciting time for anyone associated with Northwestern," said NSU President Randall J. Webb. "We are so proud of what the players,
coach McConathy and his staff have done. It is exhilarating to see our men's basketball team have this opportunity to compete on the national stage and to do so well."

The Demons won the game Tuesday behind 18 points from Chris Thompson and a huge game from 6-11 freshman center D'Or Fischer, who had 10 points, 11 rebounds and nine blocked shots.

"The students at Northwestern are excited and proud of what the team has done," said NSU Student Government Association President David Gunn, who is also a member of the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors. "A lot of students got together to watch the game and will be watching Friday. This will do a lot to generate support and will get the university's name out in a positive way."

Tuesday's game was produced by CBS and was shown nationally on The National Network with Shreveport resident Tim Brando doing play-by-play and former Kentucky and Boston Celtics coach Rick Pitino handling analysis.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Press
Northwestern patrons show their support for the Demons during Saturday's SLC Championship game against McNeese St.

"This is the biggest thing to happen to Natchitoches and Northwestern State in their sports history," said Gary DeBlieux of Natchitoches, who was among a group of more than 100 Northwestern supporters who watched the NSU-Winthrop game at Merci Beaucoup. "Those kids played their hearts out like they did all year. That's why they're where they're at."

The opportunity to play in the first game of the tournament has allowed the Demons to receive coast-to-coast publicity in newspapers including USA Today, the Washington Post, Chicago Tribune, Minneapolis Star-Tribune as well as ESPN and CNN. That is in addition to having the last two games broadcast on ESPN2 and TNN.

"We can't measure the positive side effects this will have for the university." said Director of Alumni Affairs Chris Maggio. "This has created a sense of pride among the alumni. You can't buy this type of exposure all over the country."

"The phones have been ringing off the hook. The attention and the exposure has been wonderful for Northwestern," said Director of Admissions and Recruiting Jana Lucky. "Students and parents have been able to watch our team and see our coaches and players interviewed. They have seen the pride everyone has in the university and how much we care about the students. That comes across."

Lady Demons look to next year after impressive season

By Mindy Mixon
Sauce Reporter

The 2001 Lady Demon season has come to a close just one win shy of advancing to the NCAA tournament after losing to Stephen F. Austin 82-73. For the third year in a row, Northwestern finishes as the tournament runner-ups behind rival SFA.

That doesn't mean the effort wasn't there. Seniors Kia Converse and Jamila Newman played outstanding basketball and were rewarded by being named to the SLC all-tournament team.

Newman comments, "I was disappointed in the way it ended and while we accomplished everything we ever hoped to, it was still sad to go out on a disappointing note."

Early on the Demons were predicted to finish high but after a series of losses, fans began to grow skeptical. There are no longer any doubts left, however, after the Lady Demons proved to be undefeated the second half of the Conference.

Newman put it in perspective with, "I regret not being able to win but there are so many other great memories. And in the end, I won't be looking back at wins and losses but at all the lasting friendships I made while on the team."

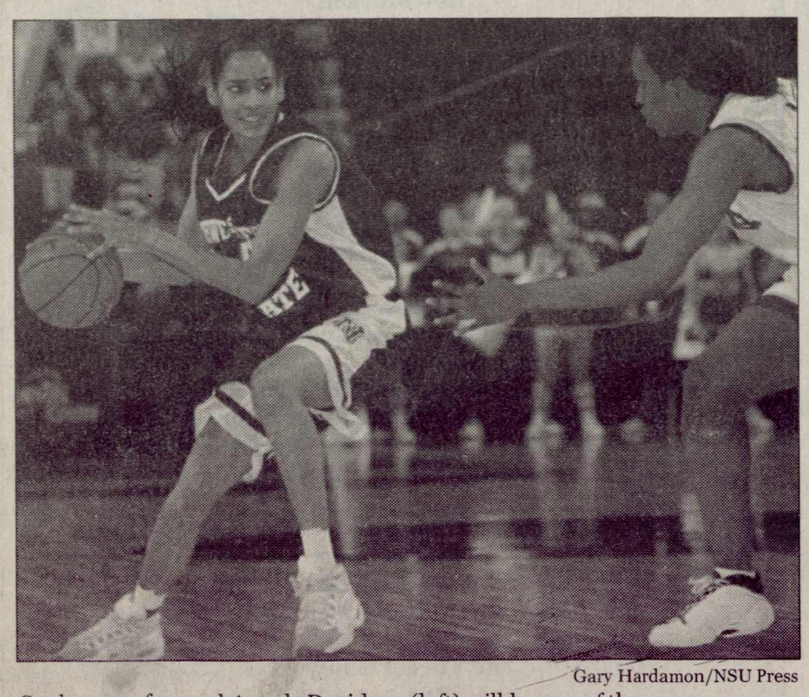
With the loss of three senior starters, an important question is who will step up and lead this primarily young team?

Freshman Forward Katrina Swanigan sees "LaTerrica (Dobin) and Angela (Davidson) stepping up and filling roles. I also see myself having to acquire some leadership skills. I mean we all got lots of playing time and experience, now it's time to utilize them."

Assistant coach Wendy Schuller reflects on the 2001 team saying, "At the beginning of the season we knew we had some building to do. We made the younger kids grow up real fast."

And next year will be no different. With Emily Huey being the lone senior on the team, once again leadership duties will be spread out over the team as a whole. "Anna, Angela and Jamila," Schuller says. "They will all be expected to contribute. And one to look out for is Katrina Swanigan. As a freshman she had a great year."

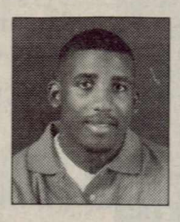
It seems the Lady Demons stay in the position of underdog. And maybe this is because it is where they feel the most comfortable. Swanigan feels confident about the future saying, "We'll have new people that will come in and we'll probably surprise everyone again next year."



Gary Hardamon/NSU Press
Sophomore forward Angela Davidson (left) will be one of the many weapons returning on next year's squad.

From the Sports Editor

On location from Dayton, Ohio



By Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

DAYTON, OH- Who really cares about small-time basketball, right?

Tuesday night's NCAA play-in game had more critics and doubters than the second week of the XFL season did. Critics said it would be an example of "small-time" basketball- slow, boring, mistake-filled and hardly worth watching.

The 6,813 fans who went to the game, many of whom were non-partisan supporters of either team- only about 300 of the fans represented NSU or Winthrop- probably looked at this game as a good way to kill time on a Tuesday night.

And the critics, in part, were right. Tuesday's game was an example of "small-time" basketball.

Only not for the reasons they thought.

Although you probably don't know it yet, the two teams on display Tuesday night gave us the best game of the tournament. These two teams shined when the national spotlight was upon them.

You see, "small-time" basketball means making the most of an opportunity. It means playing like you know there'll be no tomorrow.

It means, as in the case of Winthrop, not giving up when you find yourself down by 12 with 10 minutes left in the game.

It means, as in the case of the Demons, not getting frustrated or losing your composure after your opponent has evaporated that 12 point lead by sinking 10 consecutive three pointers.

It means taking your "15 minutes" and turning it into a lifetime of memories.

Chances are the schools of NSU and Winthrop will never get this much national media attention again. They'll probably never be apart of another "Sportscenter Showcase" and Chris Thompson may never again make ESPN "Top Plays."

From now on, it'll probably be about the Dukes and Carolinas of the world.

But I'll make you a guarantee. Along with the sights of the national championship game, you'll also see the sight of Chris Lynch leading the Pep Band in the NSU fight song.

Along with watching this year's champion cut down the nets in Minneapolis, you'll also see Thompson's alley-oop dunk that got him on Top Plays.

Because the these two teams left an impression that anyone who fortunate enough to either watch the game on TV or be there in person will never forget.

But then again, that's what "small-time" basketball is really all about.



Holy Hair Dye, Batman
University track and field coach Leon Johnson (seated) makes good on a bet he made with his team two weeks prior to the Southland Conference championship meet. Johnson told the team if they won he would have highlights put in his hair. The Demons did just that and Guys and Gals hairstylist Bonnie Pace was more than happy to perform the transformation. Johnson said of the situation, "at least I didn't say I'd shave my head."



Gary Hardamon/NSU Press
Latrell Edwards broke his own school record in the javelin last week during the Northwestern Relays. He threw a 233-3, exactly three feet past his old record.

Frederick, Carter, Canton alter records at NSU

Northwestern State All-American Latrell Frederick extended his own school record by three feet in the javelin last Wednesday as the collegiate outdoor track and field season began with the annual Northwestern Relays at the Walter Ledet Track Complex.

Frederick, a junior from Benton, threw 233-3, exactly three feet past the mark that placed him fifth at the 2000 NCAA Division I Outdoor Championships. It was a provisional qualifying mark for the 2001 NCAA meet and missed the automatic standard by less than two feet.

Senior Christin Carter and sophomore Jacqueline Canton also posted provisional qualifying marks, each clearing a school-record 5-10 1/2 in the women's high jump. Canton matched her personal best from last year while Carter notched a new personal record and won the competition on fewer misses, clearing 5-10 1/2 on her first attempt.

Frederick paced the talented Demon javelin contingent. Craig Nall, making his debut at Northwestern after placing second in the Southeastern Conference Championships last year and 12th at the NCAA meet, threw 216-6, five feet further than his outdoor debut last year at LSU. Nall's former Alexandria Senior High teammate, Dustin Morrow, threw 211-8 for third.

Sprinter Herbert Jones won the 100 meter dash (10.80) and ran anchor legs on two winning relay teams, the 4x100 (40.86) and 4x200 (1:26.40). Kelvin Sherrod, Eric Louis and reigning USA Juniors long jump champion Robert Etheridge -- all defensive backs on the NSU football team -- ran the first three legs.

Northwestern won six men's events, also getting first by conference Indoor champion Gene Tennison in the shot put (50-8 1/4) and by SLC Male Field Events Athlete of the Year Tyson Dillard (50-7 1/4) in the triple jump.

Watch the game at Prather

The game between NSU and Illinois will be televised on a big-screen television at the East Concourse of Prather Coliseum on Friday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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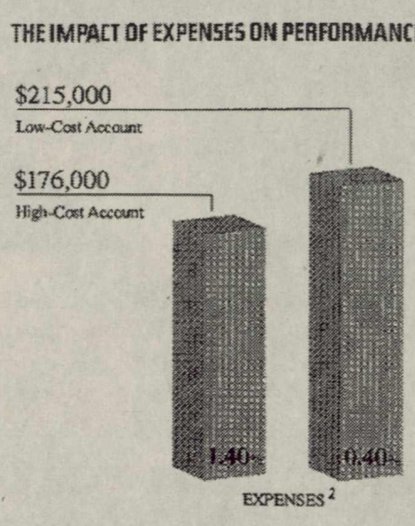
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Senior Forward Chris Thompson shoots over a McNeese defender during Saturday's SLC championship game in Shreveport. Thompson was an All-Tournament selection averaging 11 points a game over three contests



The 2000-2001 SLC Champion Northwestern State University Demons

Demons are the champions

By Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

Say it loud, because it's true- the Demons are the champions!

The Demons did what no other team in the Southland Conference had yet figured out how to do Saturday at the CenturyTel Arena- stop Tierre Brown and Demond Mallet.

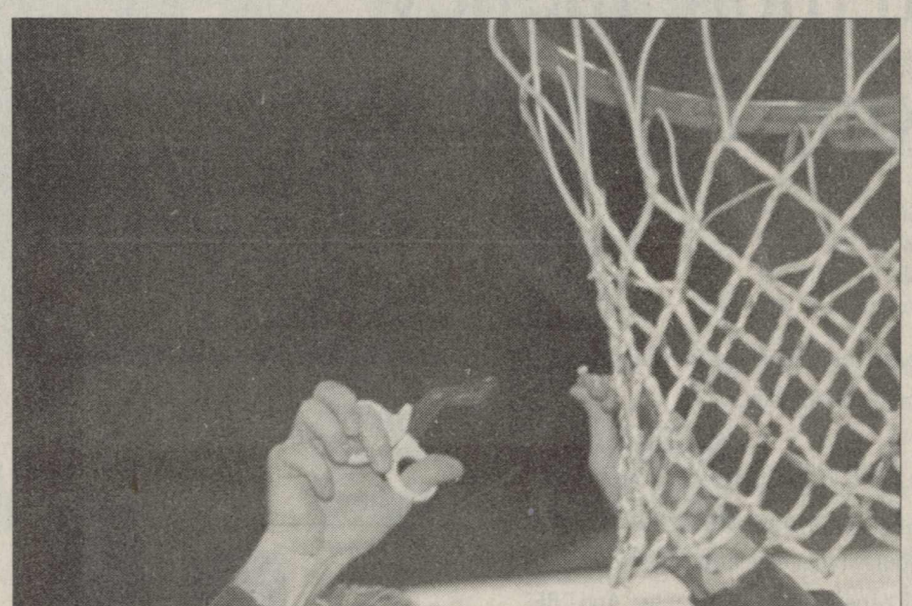
They did, and they won a thrilling 72-71 game to claim the Southland conference tournament championship, ending a 15-game overall and 17-game conference winning streak for McNeese.

Tournament MVP Michael Byars-Dawson hit two free throws with nine seconds left to put the Demons ahead for good.

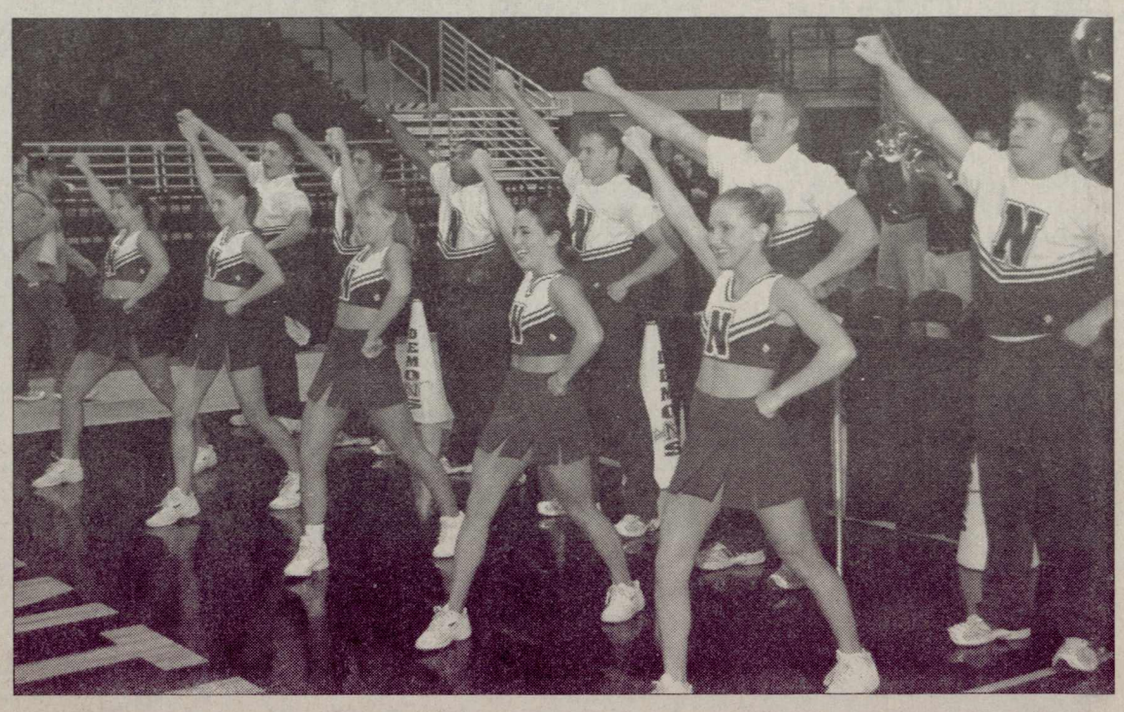
The Cowboys had a slim chance at the end with a full-court desperation heave that landed near midcourt.

Dawson scored 22 points from 9-of-13 shooting while averaging 15.7 points a game in the tournament. Coupled with All-Tournament selection Chris Thompson, who averaged 11 points a game in the tournament and some clutch 3-pointers by Josh Hancock, the Demons scored defeats over the top three seeded teams in the tournament.

The win was NSU's fifth straight victory and sixth out of their last seven. The Demons avenged the regular season sweeps of their three opponents, Nicholls, UTSA and McNeese. The Demons are also undefeated at the CenturyTel Area, winning an early-season game versus Oral Roberts in addition to the two tournament victories.



NSU Head Basketball Head Coach Mi McConathy is t first to take pa in the tradition victo celebration cutting down t ne



The NSU Yell Leaders led the way for crowd support during the game. They, along with the Pep Band, have made the trip to Dayton.

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Students count losses after dorm fire

By Elona Boggs
Sauce Reporter

After the fire in Sabine Hall on March 1, resident Tara Anderson discovered that the hard drive on her computer did not work. Anderson, who lives on the second floor where the fire occurred, speculates the damage is because of the smoke residue which settled on the hall after the fire.

"The CD that was in the hard drive is still black," Anderson said.

Anderson said she reported the damage to the University shortly after the fire, but she has not been contacted about the situation.

"I have a warranty, but I am waiting on the school for some kind of reimbursement," Anderson said.

Woody Blair, director of housing, said damages like these are typically not covered or reimbursed by the University. He said, usually, such cases are brought to a higher level.

"They go to the Louisiana State Office of Risk Management," Blair said. "There they are reviewed and a decision is made about coverage."

Blair said property insurance is not available through the University. Blair suggested getting renter's insurance or checking with their parents' homeowner's insurance to see if their belongings are protected under their plan.

Charles Berry, a sales representative from Taber Insurance Company in Natchitoches, said renter's insurance is usually inexpensive, depending upon the belongings a student wants to insure. The insurance protects items from theft, water damage and fire. Berry said a student's best bet in insuring their belongings is through their parents' homeowner's insurance.

"There is no need for a student to buy a separate policy if they are insured through their parents," Berry said.

Blair said in the past there has been consideration in making property insurance available to students.

However, because of high start up costs and lack of student interest, the idea was abandoned.

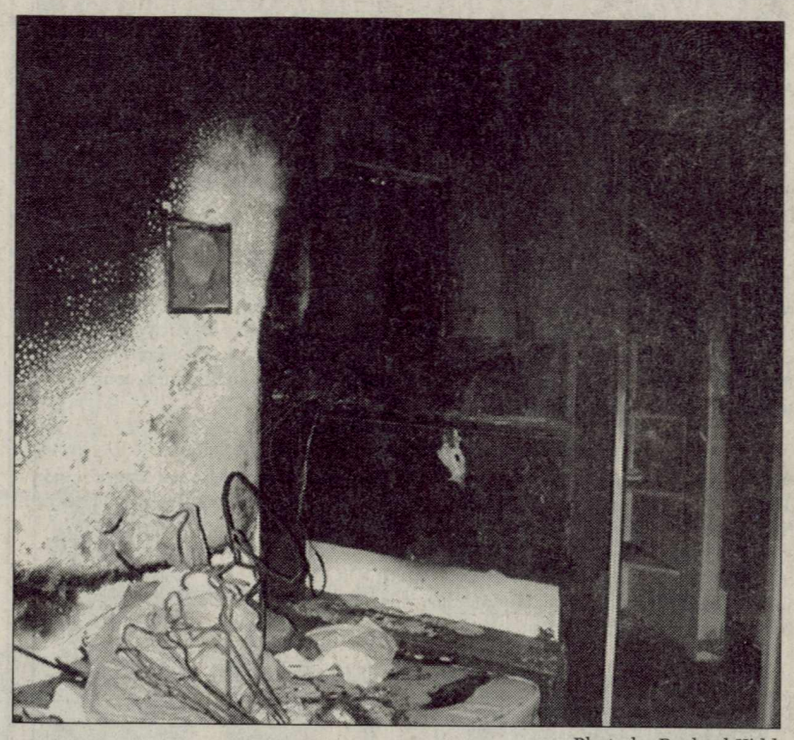


Photo by Rachael Kidd
A fire that recently broke out in Sabine Hall not only destroyed rooms but it also damaged resident belongings. Students have now discovered the University is not responsible to replace stolen, lost or damaged items from a dormitory.

Discovering Dudley

By Elona Boggs
Sauce Reporter

Each morning you will find a group of silver-haired men drinking coffee and eating grits at the Café St. Denis in Ryder Inn off Highway 1 in Natchitoches. They meet there religiously to discuss local politics, LSU sports, gardening tips and fond memories of their days at Northwestern State College. All of the men are graduates of Northwestern, and one was even dean of students for a little over 20 years.

This former dean, Dudley Fulton, is 86 and the oldest of the bunch. His age, however, is obscurely masked behind youthful eyes and a spirited glow.

"Some of these old boys were students when I was dean," said Fulton.

Fulton has more time on his hands lately than in past years. His wife died a few years ago, and he now lives alone with the company of his two dogs, spending most of his time practicing woodworking behind his home. He also makes daily trips to the rehabilitation center for a knee injury that recently happened while dancing at a wedding reception.

"My wife's grandson was being married, and I was dancing with his mother and walked off the dance floor, fell and broke my knee," said Fulton.

Even still, Fulton gets around with as much tenacity as one might expect a college dean and a WWII veteran would. It was in 1932 that Fulton first came to Northwestern State University from Campti, La. He enrolled as a freshman and later graduated in 1935 with a degree in education. After teaching school for a few years, Fulton entered the Navy and became a commanding officer of a black training troop.

"I encountered, while I was commanding officer of that unit, a lot of wasted talent," said Fulton.



File Photo
Dudley Fulton served as a dean at Northwestern for over 20 years.

Due to Fulton's familiarity in dealing with race relations and his advocacy, he was chosen to serve on the committee commissioned by the Bureau of Naval Affairs that chose the first 12 black men to enter the Navy.

'It took us almost six months to finally get that letter up to the Chief of Naval Operations," said Fulton.

In 1945, Fulton received his orders to sea near Manila. There, he helped the Allied Troops bring soldiers out of flight.

"We picked up the representatives of the nations that were in the Allied Troops, and they sailed with us up to Tokyo," said Fulton. "That was quite an experience."

In Tokyo, Fulton and his troop could walk down the streets of Yokohama, and the children would sing Jimmy Davis' song, "You Are My Sunshine."

"They couldn't speak a word of English, but they could sing that song," recalled Fulton.

Fulton later learned that the children had been listening to propagandist Tokyo Rose's radio show in her attempts to demoralize American soldiers.

Tokyo was Fulton's final memory of the war before his return to Natchitoches and Northwestern. Upon that return, Fulton became an advisor to veteran students, and ultimately, the dean of students before his retirement in 1972. As dean, Fulton continued his works with racial equality and was instrumental in the desegregation of the college.

"Integration was an obvious thing that was going to happen, but the laws that we had at that particular time prohibited it," said Fulton.

According to Fulton, integration was a smooth transition; however, there was great potential for resistance. A leader of the Ku Klux Klan was an old classmate of Fulton's and contacted him to propose a rally be held on Northwestern's campus by the Klan's Grand Dragon.

"I didn't want to get cross-wise with them," said Fulton. "I said to him, well, I guess that's alright. The following week after the Grand Dragon comes; I'll have a request for Martin Luther King. He left, and we never had anymore outside influences whatsoever."

Besides Fulton's influence in the social development of Northwestern, he also helped to modernize and further develop the campus physically. He assisted in the designing of most every dormitory on campus and regrets his involvement with the designing of the parking lots.

"There was only two cars on campus at the time," said Fulton.

Compared to Fulton's boundless accomplishments to our country and university, campus-parking problems seem trifling.

Fulton visits Northwestern State University's campus often to see the changes that are taking place and to remember the school he helped create. Very often, Fulton makes appearances at NSU sporting events with the rest of the "Ryder Inn" group. There he sits unseen, casually passed over by students, unknowing that a legend is seated among them.

RA's place first in regional ERA contest

By Bridget Woods
Sauce Reporter

Over 30 Northwestern State University residential assistants traveled to Eunice, La. and competed in the Equipping Residents Assistants Conference. To their surprise, the RA's won first place in two competitions.

The conference took place at the Acadiana Baptist Center in Eunice, La. during the weekend of March 9 and 10. According to Shelia Gentry, area coordinator of Sabine, it gives RA's an opportunity to bond with others and share ideas.

All participants who traveled to the conference volunteered their time and effort to help the University at the event.

Janelle Johnson, area coordinator of East Sabine, volunteered because last year's conference left a lasting impression.

"I went last year and it was a good experience. I learned a lot, met a lot of interesting people and got a lot of insight from other schools on how they handle their business," Johnson said.

Gentry said the camp coordinators of the conference judged the RA's in three events: the skit, spirit competition and roll call. University RA's placed first in the skit and spirit competitions.

NSU's skit consisted of three different scenes. In each of the scenes, a bad and good RA were depicted. Both gave the student acting in the skits advice on how to handle different situations.

In addition, Gentry said the spirit competition judged the school's character. The evaluation was based upon cheering and the amount of school spirit they showed for their university and others as well.

RA's who participated in the 2000 ERA Conference learned a valuable lesson. This year they made plans to be ready.

"Last year, we didn't win anything. We were unprepared. This time we were much more organized," Gentry said.

Gentry said RA's took a few necessary steps to ensure success for this year. First, they developed the theme "Mission Impossible." Next, they developed an idea for their skit early. Finally, every RA participated in the planning process.

"The best thing we did this year, everyone kind of got together. It worked out when everyone did it," Gentry said.

Six other Louisiana schools participated in the ERA conference. These schools included LSU, McNeese, Nicholls, SLU, ULL and Xavier.



Photo by Rachael Kidd
Current SGA Vice-president Rusty Broussard has announced his candidacy for the office of the SGA president. Broussard's platform deals with student technology and parking on campus. Elections will begin on April 5 and 6.

Broussard announces candidacy

By Bess Renfrow
Sauce Reporter

The Student Government Association will be holding elections in the lobby of the Student Union on the 5th and 6th of April.

The offices that will be on the ballot are: president, vice-president, treasurer and senator at large. Vice-president Rusty Broussard is one of the candidates running for the office of president.

"I am confident of my ability to lead, and I have the experience needed for the position," Broussard said .

Broussard is a senior Humanities and Social Thought major at the Scholar's College. He joined the SGA in 1998 as sophomore senator and was appointed Commissioner of External Affairs. He was re-elected in 1999 as junior senator and assumed the role of commissioner again.

In 2000, he agreed to run as David Gunn's vice-president.

"At first I didn't really know David, but after I agreed to run, we began hanging out and talking. Now, I consider him one of my best friends," Broussard said.

As vice-president, Broussard had the responsibility of overseeing the departments and committees of the SGA. Filing for candidates for the various offices up for election began on March 6, 2001 and ended March 20, 2001.

Applications are in the SGA office on the second floor of the student union. March 22 and 23 have been set aside as picture day.

All candidates will have their picture taken to be put in *The Current Sauce* and outside the polls.

The SAB will verify candidates on March 26 and 27. Voting will take place on April 5 and 6. Broussard's main focus in this election is on student technology, parking and housing.

"David and I have been working on the problem of parking for a very long time, and although he won't be here next year, I am still committed to this problem," Broussard said.

The issue of student technology is a relatively new one; however, Broussard believes it will gain more importance as time passes.

"With all the labs on campus, student technology will become an issue very soon," Broussard said.

Dustin Matthews, sophomore senator, is Broussard's running mate.

Campus Connections

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CHORUSES
Northwestern men's and women's choruses will perform in Magale Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m. today. Students are admitted free with a valid student ID.

SENIOR ART EXHIBIT
Julie Bridges will have an NSU art exhibition of her paintings upstairs in the Hanchey Gallery March 25-30.

FACULTY RECITAL
NSU faculty will have a recital in Magale Recital Hall on March 26 at 7:30 p.m. All students get in free with a valid ID.

UNITY DAY
African American Caucus will present a "Unity Day" on March 29 at the I-M Field. Activities are 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. The guest will be D.J., Luva Boy.

SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY
A "Sixsational Golden Explosion" sponsored by Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority will be held in the Alley today at 9:22 p.m. The price is $1.00 per person. Ticket can be purchased in Iberville from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
The SGA offers free scantrons to students every Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 222 of the Student Union. You will need a student I.D. to take advantage. Also, the students may stop by the Book Swap Board to look for books they may need for a cheaper rate. Filings are open for Senator at Large, Treasurer, Vice-President and President. Pick up an application in 222 of the Student Union and return it completed to 214 of the Student Union. Filings close March 20.

WESLEY WESTMINSTER FOUNDATION
Students can have lunch at the Wesley Westminister Foundation (between Magee's and The Ink Spot) on Tuesday from 11:30 until 1 p.m. The first visit is free and $1 each time thereafter. Worship services are held from 6:30-7:30 pm each Wednesday.

COLLEGE DEMOCRATS
College Democrats conduct informational meetings every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union.

COLLEGE REPUBLICANS
College Republicans meet every Wednesday at 5 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union.

STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE
Meetings are held every Wednesday at noon in room 224 of Russell Hall. All majors welcome.

CATHOLIC STUDENT ORGANIZATION
The CSO would like to invite all students to join the CSO for fun, fellowship, and a free meal every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church (located on Second Street). You do not have to be Catholic to join in on the fun; every student is welcome. There is also a student Mass held every Sunday at 9:30 p.m. For more information call Amy Dowden at 352-2615.

NSU CLUB SOCCER
NSU Club Soccer is open to anyone who wants to play soccer on a collegiate level. The NSU Club Soccer team meets everyday behind Watson Library from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information contact Cesar Isgitt at 354-6483.

BIBLE STUDY
There will be an interdenominational Bible Study held each Tuesday night at 8:45 p.m. in Room 100 of Morrison Hall.

CHI ALPHA
We invite you to come and worship with us each Thursday night in the Student Union lounge for "Thursday Night Live" at 7 p.m.

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION
The Native American Student Association will be meeting on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Thursdays at 6 p.m. All students are welcome to attend.

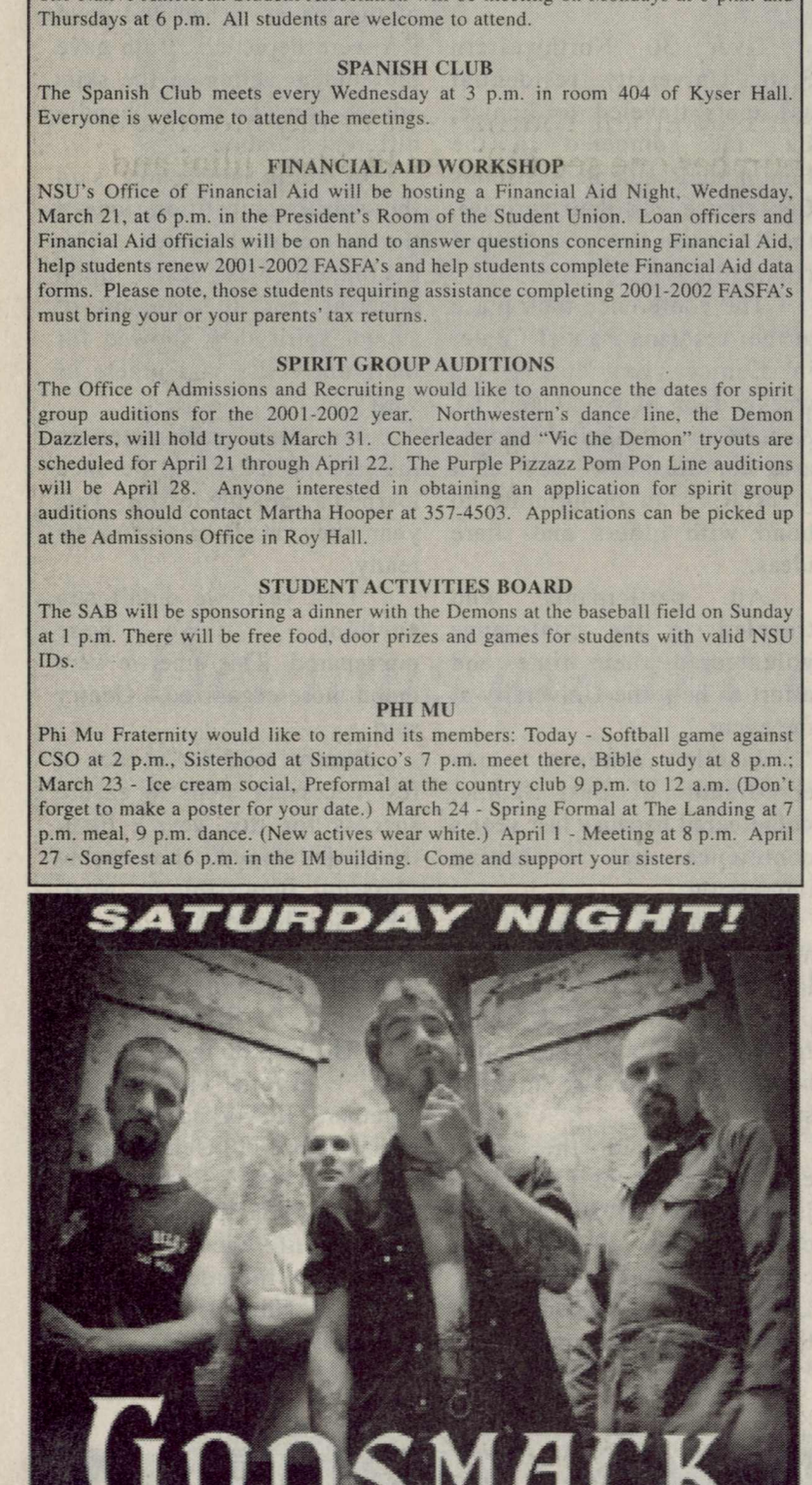
SPANISH CLUB
The Spanish Club meets every Wednesday at 3 p.m. in room 404 of Kyser Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

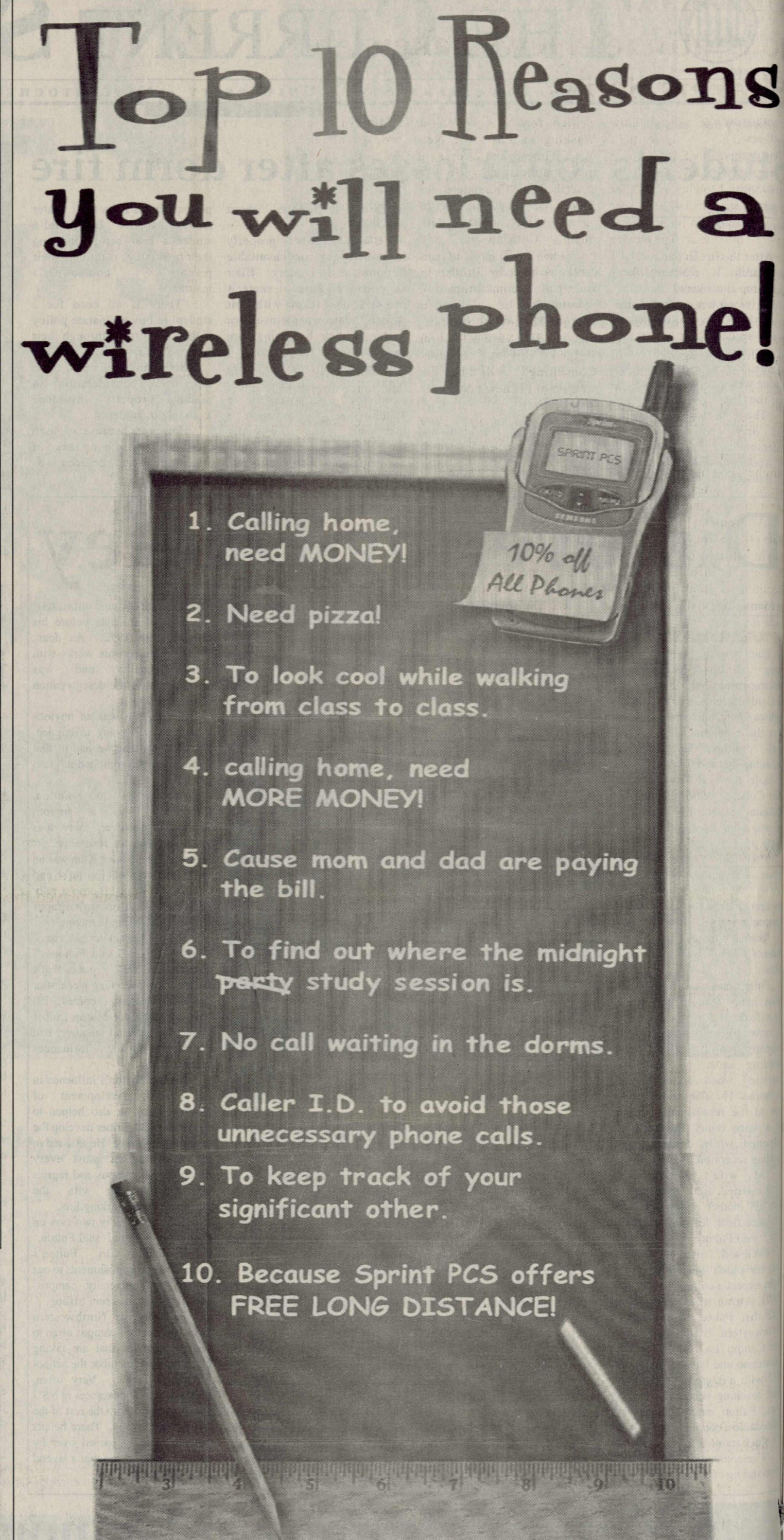
FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP
NSU's Office of Financial Aid will be hosting a Financial Aid Night, Wednesday, March 21, at 6 p.m. in the President's Room of the Student Union. Loan officers and Financial Aid officials will be on hand to answer questions concerning Financial Aid, help students renew 2001-2002 FASFA's and help students complete Financial Aid data forms. Please note, those students requiring assistance completing 2001-2002 FASFA's must bring your or your parents' tax returns.

SPIRIT GROUP AUDITIONS
The Office of Admissions and Recruiting would like to announce the dates for spirit group auditions for the 2001-2002 year. Northwestern's dance line, the Demon Dazzlers, will hold tryouts March 31. Cheerleader and "Vic the Demon" tryouts are scheduled for April 21 through April 22. The Purple Pizzazz Pom Pon Line auditions will be April 28. Anyone interested in obtaining an application for spirit group auditions should contact Martha Hooper at 357-4503. Applications can be picked up at the Admissions Office in Roy Hall.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD
The SAB will be sponsoring a dinner with the Demons at the baseball field on Sunday at 1 p.m. There will be free food, door prizes and games for students with valid NSU IDs.

PHI MU
Phi Mu Fraternity would like to remind its members: Today - Softball game against CSO at 2 p.m., Sisterhood at Simpatico's 7 p.m. meet there, Bible study at 8 p.m.; March 23 - Ice cream social, Preformal at the country club 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. (Don't forget to make a poster for your date.) March 24 - Spring Formal at The Landing at 7 p.m. meal, 9 p.m. dance. (New actives wear white.) April 1 - Meeting at 8 p.m. April 27 - Songfest at 6 p.m. in the IM building. Come and support your sisters.





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University, journalism department to continue "Newsmakers and Shakers Series"

One of the nation's most respected political consultants, Ray Strother, will lecture at Northwestern State University Monday, April 2 at 2 p.m. in Room 142 of Kyser Hall. Admission is free and open to the public. The lecture is part of the Department of Journalism's "NewsMakers and Shakers" Series.

A Northwestern alumnus, Strother is head of Strother Duffy Strother, his political consulting agency in Washington D.C. with branch offices in Atlanta and Austin. His agency has run presidential, U.S. Senate and House campaigns as well as gubernatorial campaigns. Strother is one of the most sought after political consultants in the country.

A frequent speaker at Harvard, Strother has also taught at the University of Bologna. Strother is a frequent commentator on network television and has written for Newsweek, the Washington Post, the New York Times, and scores of other publications. He was described in "Campaigns and Elections" magazine as the "Poet of Democracy." His novel, "Cottonwood," was published by E. P. Dutton in 1991. A book by Strother on political consulting is scheduled to be published in August. The title of Strother's talk at NSU, "How a Redneck Helped Invent Political Consulting" will be the subtitle of his new book.

Strother attended Northwestern in 1958-1959. He then transferred to Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge where he received a bachelor's degree in journalism.

He began his career as a reporter and photographer with the Associated Press while in undergraduate school at LSU. While earning his master's in journalism from LSU, Strother focused on propaganda and its use in politics. In Strother's 1965 Master's thesis on the political candidate and the advertising organization, he predicted that future political campaigns would be dominated by media and not organizations.

Strother is a member of the LSU Journalism Hall of Fame. He is the current president of the American Association of Political Consultants. In 1999, Strother was made a resident fellow at the Institute of Politics at Harvard University. He was named a "Living Legend in Georgia" for his work in the campaign of Gov. Roy Barnes.

Strother and his wife Sandy live in Washington D.C. and Montana.

For more information on the lecture contact NSU Assistant Professor of Journalism Mary Brocato at (318) 357-4433.

University to hold "Criminal Justice and Career Day"

Northwestern State University will hold its annual Criminal Justice Career Day April 6 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Friedman Student Union Lobby. The Career Day is sponsored by NSU's Department of Social Sciences.

More than 20 local, parish, state and federal agencies and private companies have signed up to participate. Many of the agencies are looking to hire graduates from any major.

"This Job Fair is designed to introduce students to the workplace and assist them as they look for employment after graduation," NSU Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice Joe Morris said. "We have a variety of participants representing some outstanding agencies. All NSU students could benefit by dropping by and chatting with some of the representatives."

Participating agencies include: the U.S. Customs Service, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Arlington (Texas) Police Department, Dallas County Community Supervision, Natchitoches District Probation and Parole, Louisiana Department of Corrections, Carrolton (Texas) Police Department, Southern University Law Center, Louisiana Community Policing Institute, Irving (Texas) Police Department, and the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office.

Other participants include: the Louisiana Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control, Louisiana State Police, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, United States Marshall Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

For more information contact Morris at (318) 357-5499.



Photo by Gary Hardamon
University patrons gathered at Prather Coliseum to watch the First Round of the Men's NCAA Basketball Tournament Friday afternoon. The Demons played the number one seed Illinois Fighting Illini and came up on the losing side of 96-54 score.

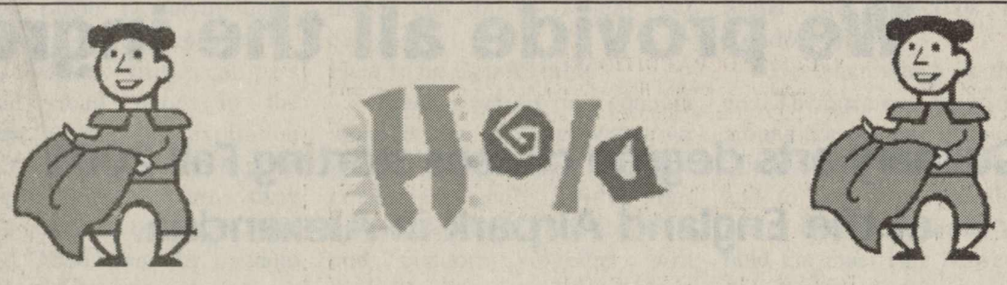
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Northwestern's Spanish Club is organizing a canned food drive for the victims of the earthquake in El Salvador.
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For more information contact Spanish Club President Kathleen Estime' at 352-6969.

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SGA Minutes 3-19-01

I. Call to order- 7:07 p.m.

The prayer was led Jeremy Malmay. The pledge was led by Elizabeth Hughes.

Roll Call

Present
Chante Bellard
Vanessa Byrd
Jonathan Chance
Buster Carlisle
Greg Comeaux
Stacie Cosby
Jessica Cramer
William Eilers
Dustin Floyd
Will Hooper
Elizabeth Hughes
Jeremy Malmay
Tara Newman
Justin Owen
Shelly Smith
Shymika Stephenson
Frank Toro
Glenn Ward
Jennifer Whittington
Wayne Bush
Rusty Broussard
David Gunn

Absent
Leanna Anderson-excused
Matthew Comeaux-excused
Craig Coutee-excused
Peyton Giddens
Shaun Jackson-excused
Dustin Matthews
Jeremiah Newsom
Brian Wilkinson

II. Executive Reports

Treasurer- Wayne Bush

Revenues:		
SGA Fee	$27080.13	
Misc.		$81.25
Balance Forward	$12514.20	
Correction	($149.00)	
Total Revenues	$39526.58	
Less:		
Expenses		
Student Labor		$2085.77
Travel		$7191.77
Operating Services	$3160.20	
Supplies	$6190.70	
Professional Services	$168.75	
Other Charges		$10608.38
Ed Rec		$52.50
Total Expenses	$29458.07	
Encumbrances:		
Travel		$2000.00
Operating SVCS	$875.00	
Supplies	$3443.45	
Other		$539.00
7000		$853.00
Total Encumbrances	$7710.45	
Total Available	$2358.06	

Description of Available Money:

SGA Fee	($6.87)	
Misc. Inc.	$81.25	
Balance Forward	$.20	
Student Labor		$884.23
Travel		$119.23
Operating SVCS	$1156.25	
Supplies	$546.85	
Professional SVCS	$1156.25	
Other Charges		($388.38)
Capital Outlay		$.50
Total		$2358.06

Money Available for Bookstore:

Beginning Balance	$114.00
Less:	
Scantrons	$68.00
Ending Balance	$46.00

Vice President- Rusty Broussard
I hope everyone had a good weekend. We have Breakfast with the President tomorrow with Freshmen Connection. I am concerned with everyone's office hours. Please write down your hours.

President- David Gunn
-I will be in Lake Charles Thursday and Friday for the Board of Supervisor's meeting, come see me Wednesday if you need me
-Rusty and I are working on the user fee agreement to submit to Dr. Webb tomorrow morning
-Spoke to Karen Vaughn about the agreement with La Capitol Credit Union and how to promote it, maybe during elections or on the radio show
-Declared emergency status on Flight Team budget

III. Department Reports

Academic Affairs- Jessica Cramer
We haven't been up to much due to not meeting. We are still working on the education programming. Calendar Committee is meeting on the 29th at 2:00 p.m.

Buster Carlisle walked in.

External Affairs- Glenn Ward
Elections are coming up. Everyone needs to fill out their applications.

Fiscal Affairs- Wayne Bush
Attendance was great at the last meeting... Thank you. We met with Push America and concluded not to give money from SGA budget; however, everyone should make donations. It is for a good cause. We met with Flight Team again.
Club Sports- Frank Toro- He made a correction to Resolution SP01-005 to change $13000 to $13300. Also, we are in the process of finding out exactly how many people are interested in Rugby, Bowling, and Karate.
Fee Review- Greg Comeaux- We discussed adding money to the SGA fee. I need to meet with my committee after the meeting.

Internal Affairs- Vanessa Byrd
We are organizing a meeting for all candidates of the election to explain how things are going to work. We have booked the pavilion for the banquet and working on getting the plaques. We have submitted the guidelines for the Digital Camera and Scanner. We need to nominate people for awards such as Student Leader of the Year, Outstanding New Student Organization, and Program of the Year.

Student Affairs- Justin Owen
The forum for Residential Life has been postponed to an unavailable date. Jennifer Whittington met with the Residence Hall Committee. She said the participation was not very active. William Eilers met with Mr. Lindsey about the grates in doors. They will replace the screws during the summer. We discussed the Student Directory with Mr. Henry today. We talked about it being internet based. We talked with Dr. Seymour and Mr. Hicks about the Shuttle Bus and where to place the signs for the route.

SAB Non-voting Rep- Will Hooper
There is karoake tonight. Next week is Spring Fling.
Monday- Coffeehouse 8 p.m., Comedian Eddie Ifft in the Alley
Tuesday- Photo Buttons 11am -1pm in the student union
Wednesday- Photo Buttons 11am-1pm in Iberville, Drive-In movie, "Meet the Parents" 8pm in Prather Coliseum
Thursday-Concert, Stroke 9, 7 p.m. in Prather coliseum
Friday- Crawfish Boil, Band-"Feedback", Wax Hands, Inflatables and much more. 2pm-5pm in front of the Student union

Supreme Court- Niko Tsvich
We have a meeting the Wednesday after Easter. We will hopefully decide on a new Chief Justice.

Advisor's Report- Mr. Henry
We need more qualified people to run. I need to meet with Elizabeth Hughes for the ballot.

IV. Old Business

Dustin Floyd moved to suspend the rules and to vote by hand to remove Peyton Giddens from the Senate.
William Eilers seconded.
The motion passed. 16-0-2

Justin Owen read Resolution SP01-003.
Dustin Floyd moved to approve Resolution SP01-003.
Jessica Cramer seconded.
Discussion followed.
The motion passed. 18-0-0

William Eilers read Resolution SP01-004
Dustin Floyd moved to approve Resolution SP01-004.
Discussion followed. David Gunn thanked the senate for their concerns with bathrooms this year.
The motion passed. 18-0-0

Jessica Cramer moved to approve Bill SP00-001
Greg Comeaux seconded.
Discussion followed.
Dustin moved to table it until we have more knowledge of the budget.
Greg Comeaux seconded.
The motion passed. 17-0-1

V. New Business

Dustin Floyd moved to approve $150 maximum for the purchase of 3 senator plaques, 3 executive plaques, and 1 faculty/staff plaque for the banquet.
Justin Owen seconded the motion.
Discussion followed.
The motion passed. 18-0-0

The senate discussed the correcting of the Digital Camera and Scanner Guidelines. They will be brought back up next week.

Greg Comeaux read Resolution SP01-005
Jonathan Chance moved to approve SP0 005
Jessica Cramer seconded.
Discussion followed.
Jessica moved to amend the Resolution read Therefore let it be resolved, that t senate allocate $13300 out of the Club Spo fund to help with the financing of the trip dictated by the revised flight team budget.
Jonathan Chance seconded.
The motion passed. 17-0-1

Dustin Floyd moves to amend the budget subtract uniform money of $1154.
Buster Carlisle seconded.
The motion failed. 6-11-1

The original motion passed. 11-6-1

Elizabeth Hughes left the meeting.

Student of the Year
Rusty Broussard nominated David Gunn.
David Gunn wins by acclimation.

Outstanding New Student Organization
Tara Newman nominated Kappa Del Sigma.
Niko Tsvich nominated Club Gaia.
Glenn Ward nominated Pi Rho.
Kappa Delta Sigma won.

Program of the Year
Rusty Broussard nominated Gavel Club.
David Gunn nominated Scantron Giveaway
Jessica Cramer nominated Freshme Connection.
Chante Bellard nominated Unity March.
Niko Tsvich nominated Who wants to be Hundred Dollars Richer.
Scantron Giveaway won.

VI. Announcements

Greg Comeaux needs to meet with h committee after the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

SGA Constitutional Amendments:

Article II - The Executive Branch
Additions:
2.2.5 To preside over any Department meeting should there be no Commissioner.
3.3 Should it be necessary to go beyond the order as mentioned in Section 3.1, the Senate will appoint, with a majority approval of the active Senate, the interim Vice-President who will serve until such time as an election can be held as defined by the SGA election code.
3.4 Should the Treasurer be unable to fulfill his/her term, the Senate will appoint, with majority approval of the active Senate, the interim Treasurer who will serve until such time as an election can be held as defined by the SGA election code.
Article III - The Legislative Branch
2.1.6 To elect a Speaker of the Senate at the last official meeting of the academic year.
4.2.6 If the legislation is vetoed by the University President, it can be presented before the Board of Supervisors.
Section 6.0 - Speaker of the Senate
6.1 The powers and duties of the Speaker of the Senate (Senate Chair), shall be as follows:
6.1.1 To preside over all Senate meetings
6.1.2 To provide a workshop for all new Senators, which will reinforce Senator duties and parliamentary procedure
6.1.3 To provide an accurate agenda for all official senate meetings
6.1.4 To provide assistance to the Vice President as he/she deems necessary
6.1.5 To act as Commissioner to the Department of Internal Affairs
6.2 Should the Speaker of the Senate be unable to fulfill his/her term, the Senate will appoint, with majority approval from the active Senate, the interim Speaker of the Senate who will serve until that term is complete.
6.2.1 Should there be no appointment for or approval of the position of Speaker of the Senate, the Vice President will carry the Speaker of the Senate's responsibilities until the absent Speaker's term is complete.

Corrections:
Article II -The Executive Branch
2.3.1 To serve as Commissioner of the Department of Fiscal Affairs.
3.1 Should the President or Vice-President not be able to fulfill his/her term, the position shall be filled according to the Order of Succession as follows:
3.2 Should it be necessary to go beyond the order as mentioned here, the Senate shall appoint, with a majority approval of the active Senate, the interim President until such time as an election can be held as defined by the SGA election code.
Article III - The Legislative Branch
4.2.5 If the legislation is vetoed by the SGA President, it will be returned to the Senate for reconsideration. The Senate may then approve the legislation with a two-thirds vote of active membership.

Deletions:
Article III - The Legislative Branch
2.4 Each new Senate shall elect a Speaker of the Senate at their first official meeting of the academic year. He or she shall preside over all Senate meetings that year.
2.5 The powers and duties of the Speaker of the Senate (Senate Chair), shall be as follows:
2.5.1 To preside over all Senat Meetings
2.5.2 To provide a workshop for all ne Senators, which will reinforce Senat duties and parliamentary procedure.
2.5.3 To provide an accurate agenda f all meetings, containing any legislati of motions.

SGA By-law Amendment:
Corrections:
Article IV - Fiscal Affairs (form Article II)
4.1 The Scholarships of the SGA sh be as follows: (former Article II, 3.2)
4.2 (old 3.3) Changes in scholarsh amount, which require a two-thirds vo of the active Senate, may not b activated until the next fiscal year.
4.5.1 This award will be voted on by th Senators, needing a two-thirds vote the active membership to be awarded the applicant chosen.

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PAS Day of Percussion at NSU

By Missy Dupreast
LIFE Reporter

Southwood High School came to Magale Recital Hall on Saturday to play the basketball. They didn't play basketball; they played *the* basketball as percussion instruments. They produced a variety of tones by dribbling and slapping the basketballs. This ensemble, under the direction of Coby Coco, was just one of the many groups that used non-traditional instruments in their performances during the Percussive Arts Society's *Day of Percussion*.

Ken Green, head of percussion at NSU and the Louisiana State Chapter's president of PAS, put together and hosted an entire day of clinics by world-renowned percussionists for the *Day of Percussion*.

"This year is different from what we've done in the past," said Green. "We brought in high schools to perform and get feedback from the clinicians."

Green was pleased with the outcome and plans to incorporate a similar agenda for next year.

Several of the high schools drummed on garbage cans and gas cans. Traditional instruments, such as the snare drum, bass drum, marimba, xylophone and the timpani, were also used. The non-traditional approach added an interesting twist.

Marksville High School's percussion section, under the direction of Wade Furniss and Robert Browning, played a piece on garbage cans called *Stinkin' Garbage*. Before they performed, Browning said his group was gonna jam!

Leesville High School, under Ruth Blair, also took the garbage can approach, but they added a bit of theatrics. As the ensemble played, another performer ran from the audience and stumbled onto the stage dropping his drumsticks. He ran to each garbage can and tried to play. He was pushed away by other members of the ensemble arousing laughter from the audience.

West Monroe High School, led by Frank Saunders, played one selection with traditional instruments, then played the piece a second time adding garbage cans and gas cans for variety.

Natchitoches Central, Parkway and Ruston high schools played selections a bit more traditional. Natchitoches Central, under John Dusky and Matt Bailey, played an ensemble piece entitled, *Suite for Percussion*. Parkway, led by Mark Minton, performed a piece featuring a drum set solo which provoked an enthusiastic applause from the audience.

The morning portion concluded with several performances by Ruston High School, under the direction of Sherry Robkin and Walter Moss. They began with two ragtime pieces consisting of one solo xylophone player and four marimba accompanists.

The Ruston performers ended with a different style piece.

"It's a drum ensemble piece that is based on the rhythmic nature of things...mostly the natural rhythm of threes," said Moss.



Photo by: Mathieu Ferraci
Marksville High School plays *Stinkin Garbage*

The piece had a tribal sound and a variety of tones which faded, like stereo speakers, from one side of the ensemble to the next. The piece continued to build and exploded into intense grooves.

After each school played, one of the clinicians joined the performers on stage to go over their performance, offering helpful tips for improvement and commending them for their hard work.

The second half of the program was a series of four clinics. The first was given by John Brennan, a graduate of NSU. Brennan currently lives in Plano, Texas, where he teaches percussion at seven different schools. In addition to teaching at those schools, Brennan gives private lessons to more than 60 students and is part of the percussion staff for the Cavalier's Drum and Bugle Corp in Rosemont, Ill.

"I like all the work. It's a lot of fun for me," said Brennan.

Brennan's clinic emphasized the development of a total percussion program in public schools. He addressed techniques and beginning methods for the marching snare, bass and tenors.

The second clinician, Mark Wessels, author of several percussion method books and adjudicator for Drum Corp International, began with the fundamentals of developing a buzz roll on the snare drum. He provided tips for overcoming problems associated with starting out on the marimba. He concluded with suggestions for tuning the timpani drums.

Next was Jimmy Finnie, who is on the music faculty at Indiana State University and performs regularly on the steel drum as leader of the Caribbean Consort Steel Band. Finnie spoke about his recent trip to Trinidad where he studied the steel drums and participated in the Trinidad Carnival 2001. He showed pictures and described the culture and evolution of steel drum music.

The *Day of Percussion* ended with clinician Thomas Burrit, assistant professor of percussion at University of Central Arkansas and the Arkansas PAS Chapter president. Burrit explained and demonstrated techniques for achieving the best sound quality from the marimba. He addressed posture, stroke, grip, playing areas and technique. He distributed handouts containing warm-up exercises to fully develop good technique.

Burrit also talked about "groove," the feel of the music.

"You have to feel the space, not the black," said Burrit.

He then played a few marimba pieces to demonstrate proper technique and musicality.

The *Day of Percussion* offered a hands-on experience for percussionists giving them the opportunity to work with the clinicians.

"This allows the schools to perform and receive comments in a completely non-competitive situation," said Green. "It is very educational, and it gives the students an idea of what judges at an actual competition would look for."

"It not only helped beginners, but reinforced the importance of the basics for those of us who have been playing for a while," Mark Reilly, percussion major said. "You need to have the foundation before you can build."

Oscar Picks by LIFE Editor

Best Picture: As sad as it makes me to say this, I see *Gladiator* winning Best Picture. Over the last several years, the Oscars have steadily declined in their once high standards. While *Gladiator* did well at the box office, it was not the greatest film this year. Once again, we see low standards putting mediocre or severely controversial movies on a pedestal. Let's look at the other nominees in this field. *Chocolat* is a film about a woman who seduces a town by making them fudge. *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* is this year's *Matrix*. Without the graphics, you have very little to go on. It will undoubtedly win Best Foreign Film, though, which is what it deserves. It is foriegn. I question why it was chosen for an AMERICAN award's ceremony when it is a FOREIGN. *Erin Brockovich* was a carrier film. If Julia Roberts wasn't in it, who would have seen this film? Nobody. As for *Traffic*, this film has a chance, but I hope Oscar still has the couth to keep from awarding potheads and addicts.

Best Director: This category is nothing more than a repeat of Best Picture. Ridley Scott will walk away with the gold.

Best Actor: Without question, the winner should be Tom Hanks. Who doesn't love this guy? Hands down, no contest Hanks should win. But I see Russell Crowe winning. Are there are other real contenders but these two in this category? This is a case who who SHOULD win and who WILL win. Hanks should, but Crowe will.

Best Actress: Julia Roberts. Nuff said.

Supporting Actor: Benicio Del Toro is the only one who deserves the gold man in this category. Everyone else is either past their Box Office Prime or just plain too odd.

Supporting Actress: This could be quite possibly the best face-off on Oscar night. Dame Judi Dench and Frances McDormand both deserve the Golden Man. Both are previous winners. Both have a commanding presence. I would put odds on Dame Judi Dench because while she was nominated for a bad role, she is a saving grace in whatever she is. McDormand has potential and has proven her abilities, but I have a gut feeling on this one. Dench will win.

Adapted Screenplay: *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* is a great script that deserves the award. So is *Wonder Boys*. Despite this, *Traffic* has complexity and covers several angles on the issue of drugs. Odds lie with *Traffic*, but my vote would be for *O Brother*.

Original Screenplay: *Gladiator*, once again. (sigh)

We All Pay The Price

By David Cosio
Guest Columnist

Even though National Condom Week (February 14-21) officially ended, it is important to maintain safe sex awareness throughout the year. Valentine's Day was a day which encouraged us to have discussions of intimacy and relationships and provided a format for addressing safe sex practices and condom use.

However, did anyone take advantage of this opportunity? Many couples put on a condom as part of their lovemaking and some don't. The Center for Disease Control reports that nearly 80 percent of those at high-risk for HIV infection do not use condoms with their regular sex partner. In the heat of the moment, many people fail to think through the full equation of sex and risk. HIV/AIDS is no longer a private decision affecting just the couple having sex. It impacts families and communities, and it creates a cycle of suffering that can be prevented with a condom. I am by no means endorsing sexual activity among unmarried young people, but it is important to discuss condom use for the purpose of disease prevention.

In an age where STDs, HIV/AID, and teen pregnancy are on the rise, it is imperative for young adults to incorporate appropriate condom use in their active sex lives. The Center for Disease Control estimates that half of all HIV infections in the United States occur among young people under the age of 25. HIV has become the sixth leading cause of death among 15 to 24-year-olds. In addition, three million cases of other STDs occur each year among teens, and up to one million teens become pregnant in the United States each year. The Center for Disease Control believes it is critical to increase condom use among young people who are sexually active. The purpose of this article is to present factual information pertaining to condoms and your health.

Before incorporating condoms into your lovemaking, it is important to know how to use condoms the right way. In order to use condoms correctly, you must learn how to choose condoms, take care of condoms, use condoms and be comfortable using condoms.

What to Look for In Condoms

Be sure the condom is made of latex, rubber or polyurethane. Condoms made of lambskin are not safe because viruses can pass through small pores in the condom. Check the expiration date. A condom with an expired date is not reliable. Throw away unused condoms once they have expired. Make sure the condom package is not punctured. Squeeze the condom package to see if there is any air still in the package. Condoms prelubricated with nonoxynol-9 spermicide are more pleasurable to use and less likely to break. Use water based lubricants if a condom is not prelubricated.

Condom Care Do's and Do not's

Condoms should no be stored in a hot or cold place. Keeping condoms in your glove compartment of your car or in your wallet will ruin the condom. Don't use oil-based lubricants, such as Vaseline, hand creams, or Crisco oil, on your condom. These oils will cause a condom to break due to the friction. Only use water-based lubricants, such as KY Jelly, with a condom. Never reuse a condom. If you want to have sex again, always use a new condom.

Effective Male Condom Use

Open the condom package. Be careful not to tear the condom with your nails. Do not tear the package with your teeth. Squeeze a few drops of lubricant into the tip of the condom. This will make the condom more comfortable and pleasurable. Put the condom on the tip of the penis when it is erect. The condom should be on before any contact between the penis and your partner's genitals, mouth or anus. Unroll the condom down the shaft to the base of the penis. Apply any additional lubrication to the outside of the penis if desired. Check during intercourse to make sure the condom is not slipping. If the condom slips, hold the base of the condom during intercourse. Withdraw the penis slowly away from your partner after you ejaculate. Make sure you hold the condom firmly by the rim at the base. Withdraw the penis while it is still erect. Remove the condom by rolling it off. Do this away from your partner. Tie the open end of the used condom in a knot, wrap it in tissue paper, and throw it away. Do not flush it down the toilet. It may get clogged.

How to be Comfortable

Practice putting on a condom alone before you are with your partner. Talk about sex and condoms openly with your partner. People who talk about sex and condoms together will probably have a better time. Couples who talk about condoms are more likely to use condoms correctly and successfully.

There are several excuses people use for not using condoms during their lovemaking. One common complaint amongst young adults is that condoms spoil the mood. SOLUTION- You can make condoms seem more sexy. How can this be accomplished?

Use condoms as a method of foreplay. Use different colors or types of condoms for different occasions. Think up a sexual fantasy using condoms. Have your partner put on the condom for you. Act sexy/sensual when putting on the condom. Hide the condom on your body and ask your partner to find it. Wrap the condom as a present and give it to your partner as a gift before a night out in the town.

There are several other commonly given excuses for not using a condom. Among them are the following: Condoms are expensive or not available. SOLUTION-You can get free condoms at Northwestern State University's Student Health Services Office or the local Natchitoches Health Unit. Buying condoms is embarrassing. SOLUTION- Realize that people will respect you more knowing you are safe and responsible during lovemaking. Condoms are tight and don't fit. SOLUTION- First of all, condoms can stretch and fit different-sized penises. However, there are condoms that are made for men of all different shapes and sizes. Brands can differ in length, diameter, and shape. Men are responsible to use condoms, not women. SOLUTION- Women can take this responsibility now in their own hands. The Female Health Company has released the Reality Female Condom. Here is a step by step instruction on how to use the female Reality condom.

Steps for Effective Female Condom Use

Decipher which is the open end. The open end covers the area around the opening of the vagina. The inner ring is used for insertion and to help hold the sheath in place. Hold the sheath. You can hold the inner ring between your thumb and middle finger or just squeeze it before inserting condom. Insert the condom. You must squeeze the inner ring. Insert the sheath as far as it will go. It is in the right place when you can't feel it anymore. It does not hurt! Make sure it is in the right place. Make sure the sheath is not twisted. The outer ring should be outside of the vagina. You are ready to have sex. Remove the condom. Remove the condom before you stand up. Squeeze and twist the outer ring. The pull the condom out gently. Dispose of condom. Remember, tie the outer ring in a knot, wrap it in tissue paper, and throw it away. Do not flush it down the toilet. It may get clogged.

Remember, knowing how to use condoms correctly can help you feel more comfortable and knowledgeable about sex. You can also relax and enjoy sex more when you know you're safer from STDs, HIV/AIDS, and pregnancy. The Female Condom and male latex and polyurethane condoms are still the only methods to prevent the sexual transmission of HIV/AIDS among sexually active people. Use condoms- there are no good excuses!

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Sesame Place takes *Drink and Wobble Elmo* off the market

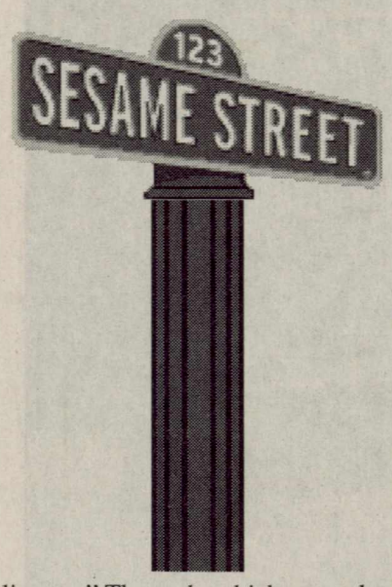
Associated Press

You won't be buying beer on Sesame Street. The children's theme park Sesame Place decided Friday to withdraw its application for a liquor license to sell beer and wine at its new restaurant, Sesame Cafe, because of opposition from local officials.

"When you think of Sesame Place you don't think of Bert and Ernie and Big Bird drinking beer and wine," said Mel D. Kardos, a township supervisor in Middletown, a suburb of Philadelphia. "It's supposed to be milk and cookies. I don't think it's appropriate."

The township filed a petition against the liquor license this week, and township solicitor Frank Dillon planned to speak against it at a state Liquor Control Board hearing, which had not been scheduled.

"My kids grew up watching Sesame Street," said Board of Supervisors chairman Richard Butville. "And they've come a long way from being educational to wanting to have a liquor



license." The park, which opened in 1980, has water slides and activity parks primarily aimed at toddlers and young children up to age 13. If approved, the restaurant would have been allowed to sell beer, wine and hard alcohol at the cafe neighboring the gift shop, Mr. Hooper's Emporium.

"In light of the objection by the Middletown supervisors, we've decided to withdraw our application because we value our position in the community," park spokeswoman Audrey Shapiro said.

The park, operated by Anheuser-Busch Entertainment Corp., applied for a liquor license Feb. 16. Beer and wine is sold at restaurants in most family-oriented theme parks, including Disney parks, Universal Studios and even Legoland in Carlsbad, Calif.

"We continue to maintain our position that it's appropriate to serve beer at family attractions and it's been done so in a responsible manner for years at (other theme parks)," Shapiro said.

The Sesame Cafe is still under construction and expected to be completed for the park's May 12 opening. Anheuser-Busch also operates SeaWorld, Busch Gardens, Water Country, Adventure Island and Discovery Cove. Sesame Place is the nation's only theme park based on the children's television show Sesame Street.

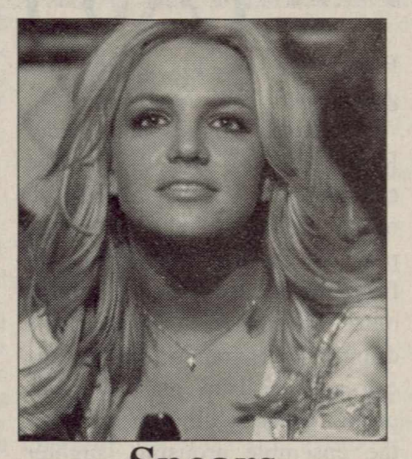
Britney Brigade moves through the state

Associated Press

Britney Spears' movie ``What Are Friends For'' stopped traffic last week. Not only did her film crew and trucks have a downtown intersection of Baton Rouge blocked off, but a crowd gathered to a nearby service station to get a look at the pop singer from nearby Kentwood.

"I have two younger brothers and they're both obsessed with her, but my parents wouldn't let me check them out of school to see her so I came instead," Molly Andrews, a Baton Rouge resident said.

"The film industry is about a $75 million to $100 million industry in the state of Louisiana, and with the proper nurturing and support can continue to grow and provide jobs," state tourism official Phillip Jones said. Spears' movie will likely bring the state



Spears

between $2 million and $5 million, he projects.

The "Britney Blockbuster Brigade" has been making quick stops throughout the state. Earlier in the week, Darrell Kropog Jr. had a good excuse for skipping his English class at Louisiana State University. He had to appear in a movie with pop singer Britney Spears.

A film crew turned parts of Hammond, Louisiana, which is not far from Spears' home town of Kentwood, into a fictional rural Georgia town for the film *What Are Friends For.* Hammond is home to Northwestern rivals the Southeastern Lions.

When the crew needed a young man to work underneath a car at a gas station for a scene involving Spears, station owner Darrell Kropog Sr. knew just the man: his son, Darrell Jr.

"It involved a whole lot of waiting," the younger Kropog said Monday of his film debut. The scene only took an hour to shoot, but Kropog had to be on the site from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

He didn't get to meet Spears, who he said was surrounded by security guards and was whisked away when the scene was done. Still, he described her as "real nice."

Argus 2000-1

NSU's Literary Magazine

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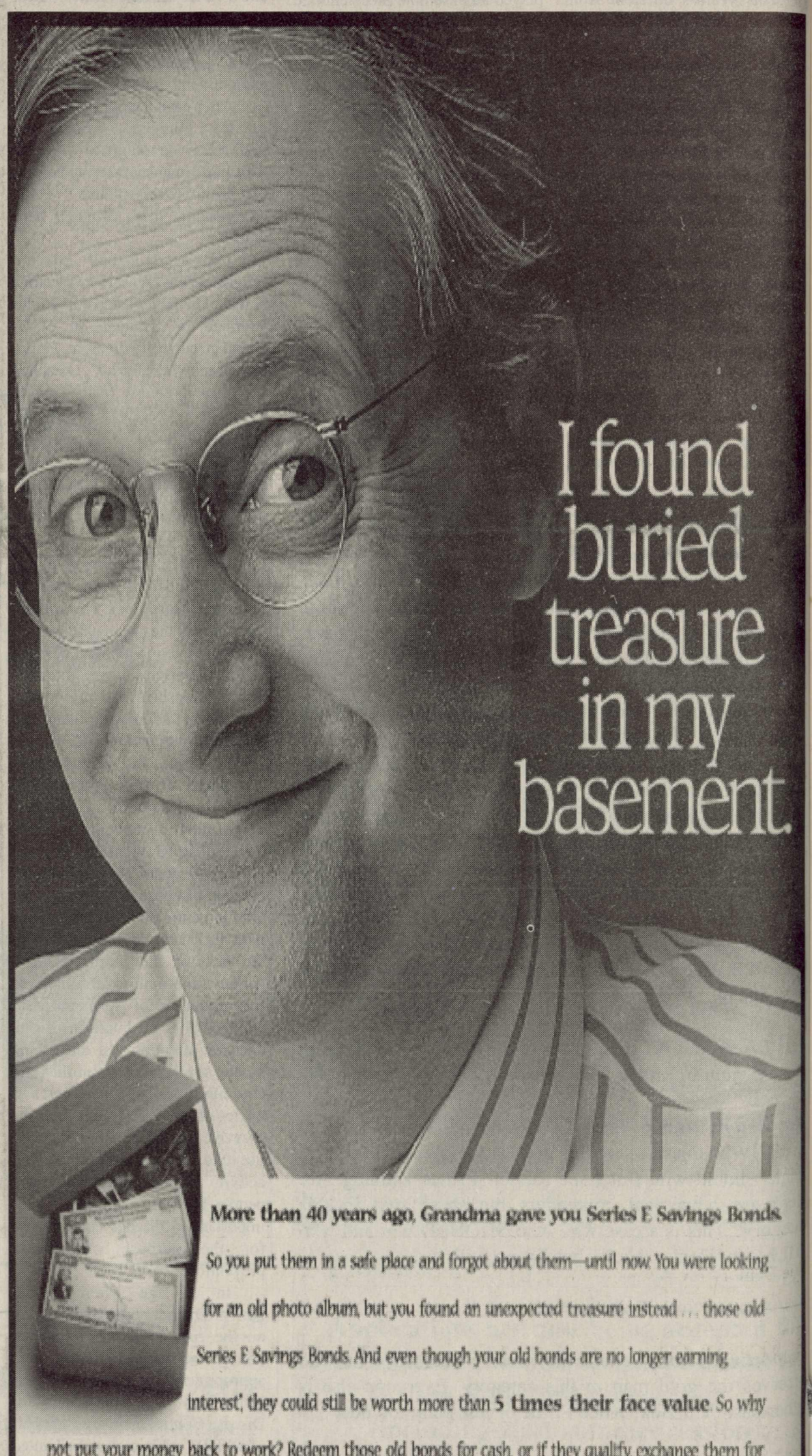
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Sports

Demons return home "celebrities"

By Kris Collinsworth
Sauce Reporter

Ask Demon basketball coach Mike McConathy and he'll tell you that going to the NCAA men's basketball tournament has it advantages.

"Of course, going to the NCAA Tournament give the university the nationwide exposure that can only be received there. It will make us have to work a little bit harder next season, and we will have to take care of business."

"We can't measure the positive side effects this will have for the university." said Director of Alumni Affairs Chris Maggio.

"This has created a sense of pride among the alumni. You can't buy this type of exposure all over the country.

"The phones have been ringing off the hook. The attention and the exposure has been wonderful for Northwestern," said Director of Admissions and Recruiting Jana Lucky.

"Students and parents have been able to watch our team and see our coaches and players interviewed. They have seen the pride everyone has in the university and how much we care about the students. That comes across."

The aftershock of playing top-notch competition has even reached the citizens of Natchitoches. Becky Vead, owner of the Inkspot, dealt with a package company that knew of the Illini-Demon matchup.

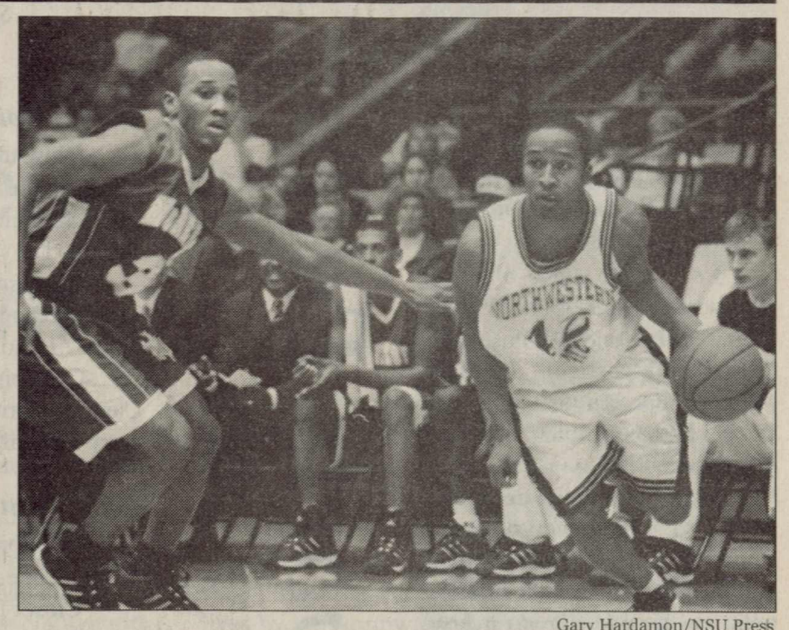
"I was talking with a packaging company and was giving them our address," Vead told. "When I mentioned 'Natchitoches' the woman immediately new that a team from here had played the Univ. of Illinois. She felt that is was great for our small town to play a team of that caliber."

Larry Vead, another employee of the Inkspot, made the KSLA-12 news for sending a package of 150 'Go Demons' signs to Dayton.

"We have had a few people ask for his autograph," Vead added.

"This is an exciting time for anyone associated with Northwestern," said NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb.

"It is exhilarating to see our men's basketball team have this opportunity to compete on the national stage and to do so well."



Gary Hardamon/NSU Press

The Demons' run to the NCAA tournament gave the school the type of "national exposure a school can't buy."

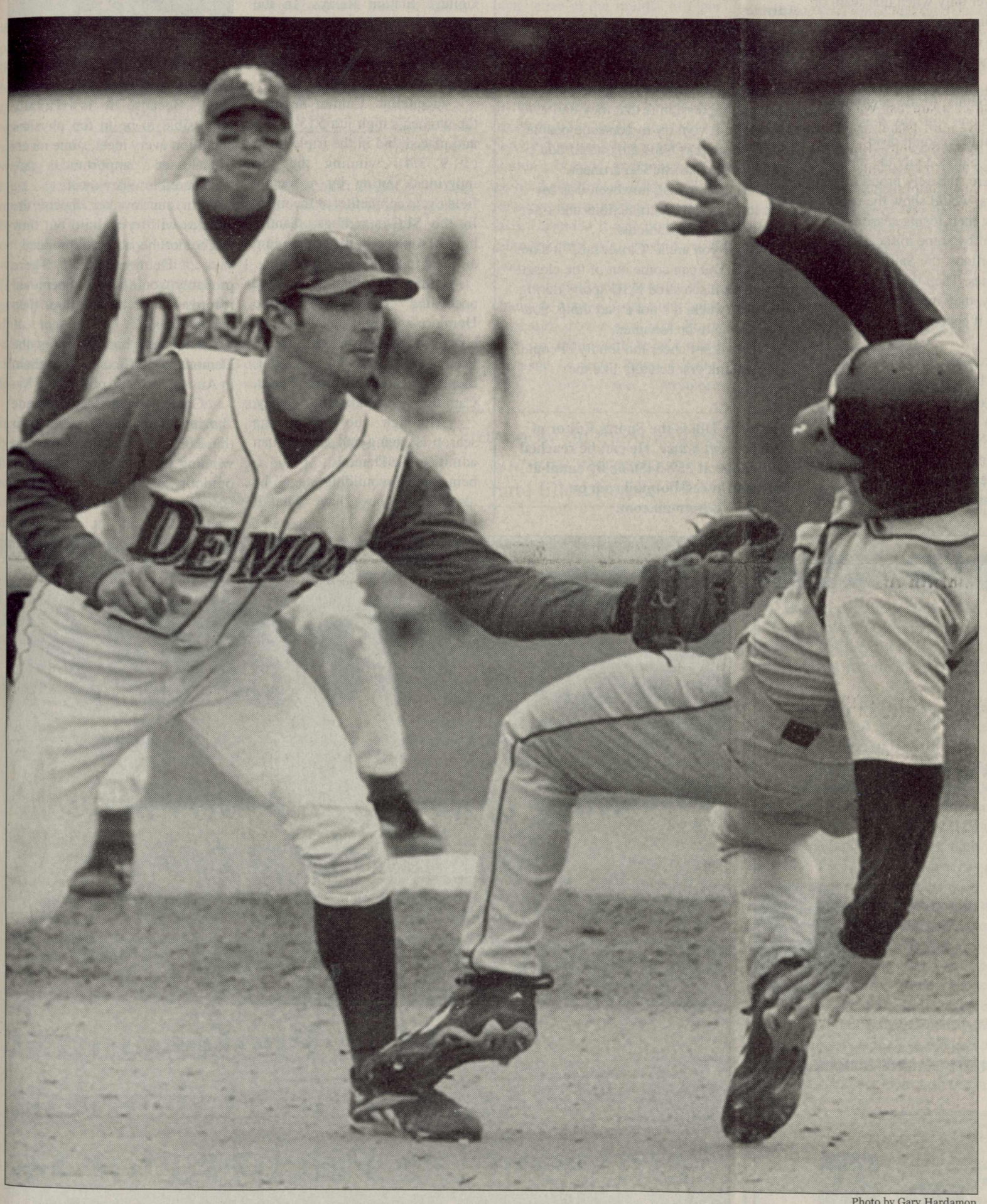


Photo by Gary Hardamon

The Demons are getting ready for LSU's first-ever visit to Brown-Stroud field Tuesday.

Tiger Ragged

Demons look to score upset over defending national champions

By Mindy Mixon
Sauce Reporter

The upcoming game March 27th against the Louisiana State Tigers remains expected to draw one the largest crowds this season. Held at Brown-Stroud field, students are rushing to secure tickets, as the field can only accommodate roughly 4,000.

The Demons, currently 18-8 will host No. 7 ranked LSU16-6-1, ranked nationally after defeating Arizona State University twice, who is ranked No. 3 nationally.

Offensive giant Jordan Robison, a former Southland Conference Hitter of the week with a BA of .385, believes this opportunity does a lot for Northwestern.

"It's awesome to play big teams if you're a smaller school because all the hype brings in more revenue," said Jordan Robison.

Starting pitcher Carl Makowsky, currently this weeks Southland Conference Pitcher of the Week, agreed commenting, "it will be great for our program . Maybe we'll get more fan support all the time."

Although NSU is the obvious underdog, the team asserts they are more than capable of defeating the defending national champions.

Second baseman David Quattrociocchi, who ranks 3rd in the SLC Batting Average at .430, said, "we beat Arkansas State University easily and they are a big university. We may be a smaller school but our team is composed of a lot of talent."

Northwestern recently played Nebraska and while they held them until the sixth inning, they were unable to go the distance and lost 13-1. Pitcher O.J. King chalked that up to "guys playing tight – you've got to play loose baseball with confidence if your going to win."

The Tigers reputation for rowdy fans doesn't intimidate the Demons one bit. King added, "I'm from Conner State in Oklahoma and they talked a lot of trash up there just like LSU does – it doesn't affect me at all. You've just got to continue playing hard, keep your head up and take the good with the bad."

Quattrociocchi expects the match-up to be low-scoring with two good pitchers and overall great defense.

Dominating starting pitching is the Demon strength with Makowsky, Darcy, King and Slainina to choose from. The only weak link in the Demon chain, according to Robison, is "sometimes we really need to have more timely hitting. And if a team makes an error – capitalize on their mistake."

Demon tennis team drops 5-2 match to ULM

Despite a stirring three-set win by senior Brandi Mathews in the No. 1 singles, Northwestern State could not derail Louisiana-Monroe and dropped a 5-2 decision Tuesday in Southland Conference women's tennis.

Mathews, the recipient of the McDonald Scholarship for having the top grade point average by any senior female student-athlete in the Southland Conference, battled for a 4-6, 7-6 (7-4), 6-2 triumph over Matilde Taborda of ULM.

Northwestern also got a 6-3, 6-3 victory from Natalie Unger at No. 4 over Melissa Vujovich. The No. 5 singles match went to ULM's Kathi Sabodsky by 3-6, 7-5, 6-3 over Brandee Lasuzzo.

The No. 1 doubles was also hotly contested, with Taborda and Kaori Tanabe of ULM prevailing over Mathews and Katy Wallace by 9-7.

ULM rose to 11-8 overall and 5-1 in the SLC while Northwestern fell to 6-7 overall and 5-3 in conference action. The Lady Demons hit the road for weekend SLC matches at McNeese and Stephen F. Austin.

Up Next-

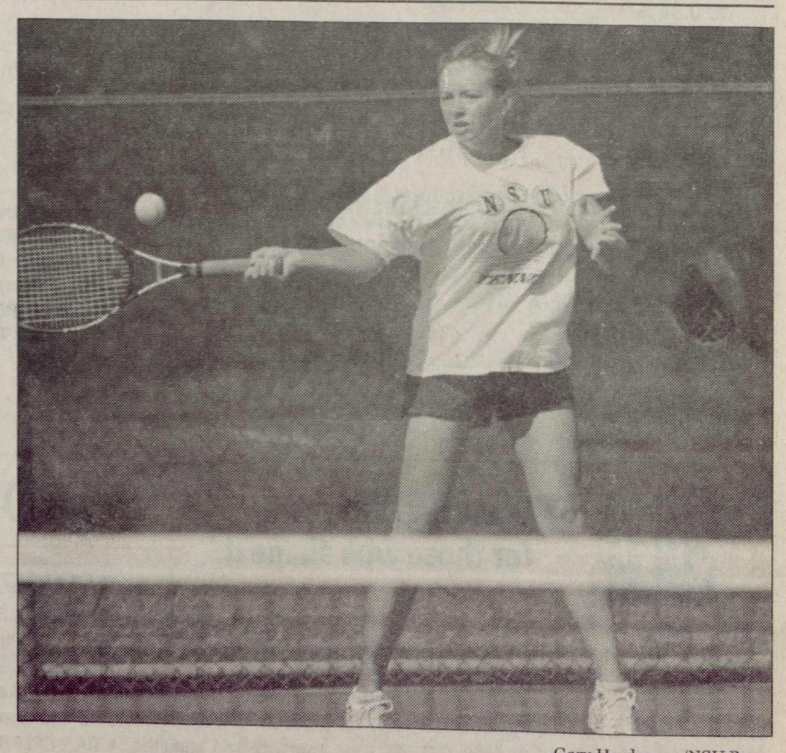
NSU vs. McNeese St./Stephen F. Austin

Box Score

UL-Monroe 5, Northwestern 2

SINGLES: Mathews (N) d. Taborda 4-6, 7-6 (7-4), 6-2
Tanabe (M) d Young 4-1, default
Yenyk (M) d. Wallace 6-1, 6-4;
Unger (N) d. Vujovich 6-3, 6-3;
Sadobsky (M) d. Lasuzzo 3-6, 7-5, 6-3
Souza (M) d. McKee 6-0, 6-0.

DOUBLES: Taborda-Tanabe (M) d. Mathews-Wallace 9-7
Yenyk-Julie Perovic (M) d. Young-Lasuzzo 8-2
Sadobsky-Souza (M) d. Unger-McKee 8-0.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Press

The Demon tennis team will go on the road to McNeese State and Stephen F. Austin this weekend

Lady Demon Assistant Locke to leave team

By Cooda Dobin
Sauce Reporter

After four seasons as assistant coach, Stephanie Locke has chosen to leave the Lady Demon family.

Locke will take a job at Converse High School. It's closer to her and her husband's home in Mansfield. She also hopes to spend more time with their 8-month old daughter Madison.

. "It was a family decision," Locke said. "My life and career is on hold for my Maddy."

Sophomore Anna Means, who graduated from Converse, said "I'm glad family is first for her as much as I'm going to miss her I'm happy she'd be with her child."

Formerly known as Stephanie Shaw, Locke was a Lady Demon herself from 1992-1996. Over the course of her career, Locke earned many awards and honors, including All-Southland Conference second team accolades in both her junior and senior years.

Locke finished second on the Lady Demon career list for assist and fifth in steals. After her rewarding Lady Demon career era Locke, who earned a degree in Health and Human Performance, went on to become head coach of women's basketball at Captain Shreve High School in Shreveport, Louisiana.

"I'm getting a different job but I'm not leaving," Locke said

"I won't say goodbye but I'll say see ya later."

From the Sports Editor, March 22, 2001



Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

Talking Points

- Now that the Demons are no longer in the tournament, I don't really care who wins this year. It's kind of strange. Do you feel the same way?

- And isn't your bracket screwed up beyond recognition because of all of the upsets? I know mine is.

-Can someone explain to me why Campus Corner has on it's billboard "We carry LSU merchandise?"

Main Point

The subject of this week's sermon is a simple one.

"Closet fans."

The term is used to describe a person or a group of people who support a team or player only when that team or player is playing good.

For some odd reason there seems to be an abundance of "Closet fans" in Louisiana.

Take the Saints. At the beginning of last season, no one with any sense of manhood would be caught dead supporting the Saints. Only the die-hards, who were sincerely proud of their loveable losers, would show the team support during their losing seasons.

Then, as if by some miracle of biblical proportions, the Saints actually win some games. Then they win a lot of games. Finally, they make the playoffs.

And then it becomes the trend to be a Saints fans.

This entire state fell in love with the team that had been in the Crescent City for nearly 30 years.

This story is relevant because in the last week the NSU Demon Basketball team capped off an amazing couple of weeks. The Demons won their first tournament game and faced the Big Ten regular-season co-champion Illinois.

Natchitoches was a buzz with Demon pride. Schools closed, businesses shut down, campus police stopped giving tickets and students actually found a reason to go to Prather Coliseum for reason other than fee payment.

Everyone, it seemed, was so proud of their Demons.

My question is, where were these people before last Saturday?

Why were we ranked 8th in attendance this season? Why did, on average, only 1,157 people show up at NSU home games.

Why do students consistently tell me the reason why they can't go to a basketball games is "I have to study?"

We can do better than that.

And why is it that attendance for Lady Demon basketball is as low as it is? Why is there a gender gap in NSU support?

Had the Lady Demons made the NCAA tournament, would we see the same type of enthusiasm?

The only answer I can think of is the "Closet fan" syndrome. Only cheer for NSU when it's cool to do so.

Be an NSU fan, but only when CBS arrives.

Cheer for the Demons, but only if you can get on ESPN2.

I've done my fair share of why-don't-people-go-to-NSU-games, and my general impression is that they don't work. So I wont try to persuade people to go to support NSU athletics. I don't work in the Athletic Department.

As a journalist, however, it is my job to point out contradictions and offer solutions to the problems.

So if you are a "Closet fan," it's not too late. You can come out of the closet. If you've discovered NSU sports during this past week, it's not a bad thing. you don't have to be ashamed.

Just don't cheer too loudly. People might think you actually like the Demons.

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Demon track prepares for Southwestern relays

By Mindy Mixon
Sauce Reporter

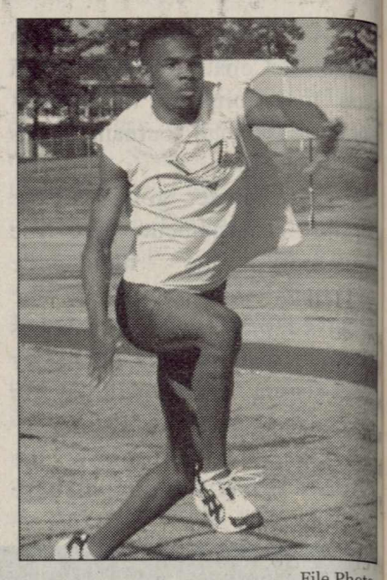
After top performances in College Station, Texas, the NSU Outdoor Track and Field team prepares for the Southwestern Relays in Lafayette the 24th at 10:00 A.M.

Houston native Tyson Dillard won the men's triple jump (50-8 3/4) and placed second in the long jump (23-4) scoring the top individual performance by a male field events athlete at the recent College Station Relays. In the Southland conference Standings, Dillard currently ranks 6th in the Long Jump and 1st in the triple jump.

Jacqueline Canton secured the women's high jump (5-8 1/2) and placed 2nd in the triple jump (39-9 3/4), winning the top individual outing by a female field event competitor at the meet. In the SLC standings, Canton holds 1st place in the triple jump and 2nd in the high jump.

Other promising stars, according to Coach Mike Heimerman, assistant women's coach, are "All-American Latrell Frederick, Kristen Carter, Stephanie Sowell, Linette Stuart, Camille Pouncy and Kim Pouncy.

Although the talent this season is young and Heimerman admits to the Demons being in a "rebuilding stage" he also claims they "have what it takes to win."



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This upcoming meet in Lafayette is considered a low-key meet. Because it is virtually impossible to be in top physical condition every meet, some meets of lesser importance are considered low-key meets.

"In our low-key meets, the athletes will try as hard but they might not be able to produce," says Heimerman. "There probably won't be many personal records – now if there are, then that's terrific."

The next big meet for the Demons is the Texas Relays held in Austin, Texas, April 4-7.

Goals for the team include "having more people qualify for the NCAA championship and winning the men's and women's outdoor championship," according to Heimerman.

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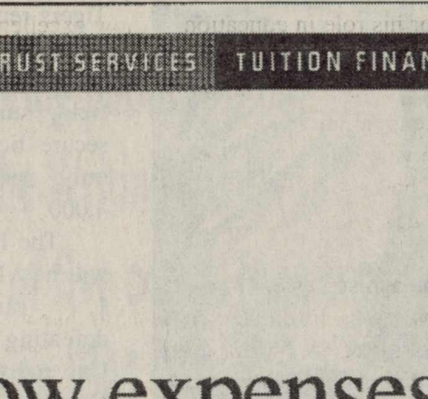
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Tony Blanco Responds to Letter to the Editor



by Tony Blanco

Hello Tully Thorton. I know you're out there, reading. Waiting. Seeing if I would respond, how I would respond, what I could possibly say. Well, here I am. BOO! Did I scare you?

Your letter was the latest in over 30 pieces of hate mail I have received since I started writing at the *Current Sauce*, and I must say, it was the wittiest and most thought provoking to date, by far. While I read it, I laughed out loud and was truly humbled. I was in awe of your wit, and for the first time in a long time, felt genuinely ashamed to be me. It didn't matter at all that your letter was poorly constructed, redundant or nonspecific in its arguments; I loved every word.

Tully, you have given me insight into a problem that I have been aware of for a long time, and have just been unwilling to face. I am a poor communicator. I am unskilled in delivering a simple direct point in the newspaper column format.

As a cartoonist I am merely a pale imitation of the wizards behind such consistently touching and hilarious fare as -Snuffy Smith or Mary Worth. And as far as my writing goes, I am a functional illiterate. I have no formal understanding of punctuation, and can only form the most rudimentary of sentences.

> "Tully, your sharp bitter words cut deep into my soul."

The ability to subtly place a prepositional phrase in the passive voice is a skill I do not have, and probably never will.

My sentences, when they aren't choppy fragments, tend to be so long winded and badly worded, that I forget what I was trying to say and trail off on a meaningless tangent without purpose that's usually redundant and boring.

My ideas are poorly thought out; seldom does one point flow smoothly to the next. The thoughts (such as they are) are disorganized and hard to follow.

> "If I didn't use cheap shock tactics, chances are nobody would read me at all."

If I didn't use cheap shock tactics, chances are nobody would read me at all.

My subject matter is usually either a touch above pornographic in its brutally frank sexual content or downright sacrilegious.

I am afraid to attempt to write anything without a sarcastic smirk on my face for fear of being rejected. Instead I attack targets that will either spark needless controversy, or mock our most sacred institutions of church and marriage for $1.50 a column inch.

That's another thing. I get paid to do this. Isn't that outrageous? You know who pays me? You do, with your $3 newspaper fee.

> "From now on there will be no more sarcasm or hate filled insults."

I think it's mortifying that I write the worst garbage on campus and get paid for it! I should be kicked off the paper. I have abused my privilege to transmit ideas through the mass media. I have made a mockery of you the student and this fine university on numerous occasions with the poisonous filth that sees its way to print. My impact on this world has been negligible and devoid of merit.

Tully I must say that you have inspired me to do a great bit of soul searching these last few days, and I agree wholeheartedly when you said " he does not have the respect for women or sex that a REAL man has," and that's because I have no self respect and little sense of personal worth.

I loathe myself deeply; when I lash out at the world, it's only a pathetic attempt to divert focus from what's truly wrong… I never learned how to love.

Tully, your sharp bitter words cut deep into my soul. I first read your letter in the middle of class and had to leave the room and cry in the bathroom for what felt like hours.

Your tormenting barbs about my lack of sex life and compulsive masturbation really touched a nerve; I bawled like a toddler till I couldn't breathe anymore. As I sat on the bathroom floor choking for air, tears streaming down my face, I decided it was high time I renewed my relationship with God.

You read the words of a changed man. From this point on, I turn over a new leaf. From now on there will be no more sarcasm or hate filled insults. You won't see anymore ambiguous or explicit sexual topics being discussed here. If you've come to feast in hatred, I turn you away.

"Instant Wisdom" will instead become a column of practical value. Topics to be addressed in the weeks to come: The importance of a strong personal relationship with Christ our Savior, What's being done about the parking problem on campus, and the value of respect in a loving, sin-free relationship.

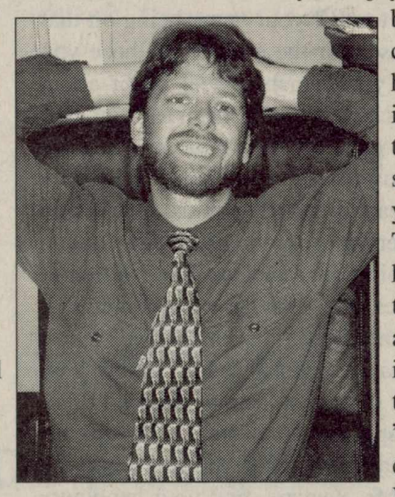
Tully Thorton, Sir, or Madam, I thank you for your frank words of constructive criticism. You have opened my eyes to a new, positive way of life. I cannot explain in words the impact you have made on my life. Your letter was just I needed to help come out of a dark time. I hope you're happy.

Overdue praise for history teacher Dr. Martin by student

A few weeks ago, as I walked down the hallway, I saw one my professors coming towards me. When we reached each other, he smiled and asked, "How are you, Mr. Frederick?" I was amazed that a professor would remember my name a year after I took his class. All of us have had classes where we were nothing more than a social security number. So, in this age of "student number," an instructor who not only knows your name but can remember your name and face out of the hundred they see each year one year later?

Impressive, is it not?

Later that day, it dawned on me that we as students do not say enough kind words about our professors. We complain about classes, exams, teaching style and lectures. Sure, when the semester ends, we will suggest a professor to our friends, and possibly even take a second class under their instruction. This is the closest we come to a compliment, though.



Far be it from us to actually go to the instructor and tell them, "You know, you are by far the best instructor I have had the last few semesters."

True, some of our classes are taken only because they are required. We sit through them in agony , only enduring because we know we must take them or we will never graduate. But the classes we delight in, do we ever stop to make it known to our instructors how much we appreciate them?

Dr. Brendan Martin, a professor of history, is a professor I want to select out of the crowd to applaud for his role in education. I know excellence when I see it. Dr. Martin is one of the few professors Northwestern can proudly say is on their staff. I take a delight in seeing him, even though it has been a year since I took his class. When I see him in the hallway, I smile. I can't help it because he always has a smile for me, just like every other student.

When each semester comes to an end, I tell everyone who will listen, "If you need to take a history class, take Dr. Martin. This guy is it, believe me. He is the best instructor you'll ever have." And so far, no one has said otherwise. The reason for this is because Dr. Martin is very charismatic. He has a youthful vitality to him but is old enough to relate to his peers, gaining the favor of both young and old. Each time I see him, he always has a smile, without fail. His office door is always open; he always outstretches a hand to shake yours, and he willingly lends books from his library to anyone interested on the Long family, the Civil War or local history.

On the day of his final, I was part of a crowd that crammed into his office. This was not because anyone was scared about their grade. It was simply to talk to him and subconsciously take some of his joy for themselves to have the peace we all need during the week of finals, especially before an exam. We just went to go talk because he is talkative. Despite being in the middle of whatever he is doing, Dr. Martin will stop to take the time to begin a discussion on politics, history or a clarify a lecture he gave. You, the student, are his priority. If you cannot walk away knowing more, enjoying what you have learned, or if you do not pass his exam, it is clear that he takes this personally. He lives by the Northwestern motto, "Where the students come first."

There is something bad about him as well, though. I would be remiss if I did not speak on this matter as well. The semester reviews of his classes always come back favorably, and his classes are called "easy." On paper, it would appear he is too lenient, letting students breeze through. Looking closer, you will find the reason why these reports come back is because Dr. Martin makes students interested. He does everything in his power to MAKE you enjoy his class. His class is not easy, because it is history, a subject that can be dull, lifeless and boring. A history class with the wrong instructor can be much like a visit to the dentist. You dread going; at some point, you pass out, and when you wake up, you feel groggy. Thankfully, Dr. Martin brings a history lesson into what it is meant to be- a lively, open discussion about past events. He is, for all intents and purposes, THE walking, talking, breathing History Channel, "Where the past comes alive." His class is "easy" because it is fun. You cannot help but enjoy a class when you are having fun. I think I speak for every college student in America when I say that when a subject moves out of "requirement" and becomes "interactive, lively, upbeat, fun and funny," the class will be enjoyed.

I praise whoever hired Dr. Martin. He is a joy. Every instructor who has a review come back this semester of "too hard" or "disliked instructor" should visit Dr. Martin and ask what he is doing to make learning fun. I encourage instructors to let Dr. Martin become your instructor on teaching skills. Better yet, I encourage Dr. Martin to write a "How to Teach" manual. No doubt, it would be a bestseller. Furthermore, I would like to suggest three things to the campus. To the faculty making staff decisions, if you lose Brendan Martin, you lose everything Northwestern aspires to be. Two, to these same executives, I would like to suggest you make Dr. Martin an offer worthy of his superb abilities to instruct, educate, enlighten and befriend his charges. And finally to the students, I suggest taking a class with him. As I have said to anyone who will listen, "If you need to take a history class, take Dr. Martin. This guy is it, believe me. He is the best instructor you'll ever have." If you decide not to take him, you only lose out on the multitude of enrichment he can pour into you.

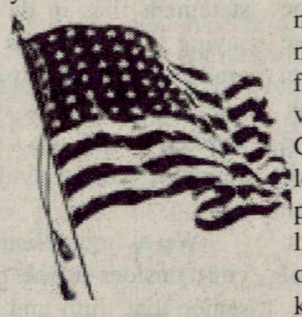
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American life and firearms

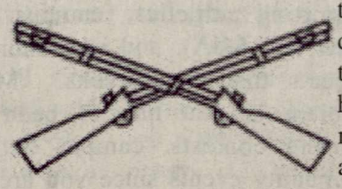
Dear Mathieu Feracci,



I am glad to see that you agree with me on the issue of not shifting blame from children connected with school shootings. Unfortunately, the cultural difference between us prevents our agreement on this topic and will continue to do so. I respect you, your country, and your way of life in France.

In America, firearms have been a way of life since the founding of the original Jamestown colony in 1607. The Constitution guarantees certain rights to the public, our rights to voice our opinions and the right of the *Current Sauce* to run these series of articles. In addition to the rights above, the Constitution also grants the right to possess firearms. It's a guaranteed right to Americans bringing with it responsibilities just like any other.

Most Americans, including myself and members of my family, take this very seriously. Coming from a long line of policemen and living right outside of New Orleans, I know that people have the potential to bring grave harm to themselves and to others with firearms. But I also know that people also can do the same with knives, crossbows, gasoline and cars. No matter the medium employed, the victim will still be just as dead.



In the end, private ownership of firearms and the NRA are as much to blame for school shootings as car manufacturers are to blame for drunk drivers. The NRA members I know, including myself, are not to blame for school shootings or the crime today; criminals are.

Most of the citizens in America that possess guns are law-abiding. Unfortunately, we do not live in a perfect society because people commit crimes and other people become victims. Taking guns away from everyone because some people use them in crimes does not solve the problem at hand-people must be held accountable, under the law, for the crimes they commit.

Sincerely,
William F. Eilers
Freshman

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Mary Freeman,
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Opinions

Reader responses to editor's column

Mr. Beavers, The Genius

I just wanted to say a few words in response to Josh Beaver's blatant attempt to incite yet even more hostility within the greek community. Mr. Beaver's contempt for greeks are obvious...he hates them. In fact, to put Josh into quotes, he hates "everything from their self-importance, to their fakeness, to their prejudices." His article last week in The Current Sauce was also marked by a vicious attack on the intellect of members in the greek community. Normally when I read about the castigation of the greek system, I usually disregard them as letters of idiotic rhetoric written by trivial minds. This letter, however, was a little bit different. This one hit close to home. You see, I was at the honors banquet held by Phi Kappa Phi and was just one of the many greeks honored that night. My point is this - You have no right whatsoever to downplay the academic success of anyone, greek or not greek. It seems Mr. Beavers that you are the truly "prejudiced" one. By making such inferences about the intelligence of each and every member of the greek community without truly knowing each and every one is to advocate everything the ugly face of prejudice truly stands for. Mr. Beavers, why do you feel it necessary to degrade a certain group of people? Are you that callous, are you that threatened by the success of others? You know, I don't recall your name being on that honors list. Maybe by making excuses for the success of those you believe to be academically inferior, you somehow feel better about your own miserable failure. As a psychology major I can tell you, that if this is true, there is something quite pathological about your mode of thought. Mr. Beavers, I implore you to adjust your views about the minds of the greek community. Instead of focusing on us, focus upon yourself. Try to realize that every person, even us greeks, are unique individuals with different goals, aspirations, and yes even different I.Q.'s. So to put you again into quotes, Mr. Beavers, "this should halt all further questions about greek brain power." In conclusion I feel it necessary to teach the prejudiced man a lesson. I don't know how much reading you do Mr. Beavers, or if you can read at all, but I think a quote from Confucius to be an appropriate ending. The master remarked, "The noble man seeks what he wants in himself while the inferior man seeks it from others." Mr. Beavers, find your happiness inside of you, do not degrade the integrity of others in order to make yourself feel more content. But what do I know, I'm just a dumb greek, right Josh?

William LaGrange
Sigma Nu Fraternity

The Big Stupid Dumbass

By Buster Carlisle

I like "frats" and sororities. I really, really do. I like everything about them. I like the fact that you can find people that you can rely on. You can find people you can trust, and that will help you with any problem you may have. To anyone not already involved in the Greek system, I suggest that you look into it.

I am not writing this as a way to promote involvement in Greek life though. I am writing this in reference to Josh Beavers, I mean Dickhead Beavers, or maybe it's just Beavers. Josh, you can't possibly believe things you said in your recent editorial. I can't imagine someone that close-minded would be considered a "leader" on this campus. I am starting to believe that people like you are a good argument for selective admissions.

For you to say that any professor would give me a better grade just because he is alumnus of my "frat" is ludicrous. Josh, let me promise you that in my "frat" as well as others there are many people who are smart and hardworking students. For you to claim otherwise is proof that you are a dumbass.

I don't think that you realize just how many organizations and activities are run by us bunch of dummies here on campus. So here's a list: Committee on organizations has 4 for 4; SGA has 13 Greek senators, including their president; S.A.B. has 31 out 38, including the whole Executive Board; Freshman Connection has 26 out of 28; and many other activities that I don't have time to mention. Hell, Josh, you have people that work on your staff that are Greek. A recent study done by the U.S. Government shows that 71% of all Greeks graduate from college while only 50% non-Greeks graduate.

You should watch what you say because your words may come back to haunt you. You will probably end up working for one of these people. Then again, you will probably end up editing the Thrifty Nickel.

By the way, where are these girls that go around banging every "frat guy?" It's obvious you are sexually repressed, maybe we can work something out for you.

Highly Upset

Mr. Editor,

You went too far in your article of hatred towards frats and sororities. How can you hate something that you do not know about? Instead of stereotyping frats and sororities, you should take a look at what really goes on. I am a member of Zeta Phi Beta, Sorority Inc. So, I know what sorority and frat means. We do lots of community service and fundraisers, as do the rest of my Greek family on campus. That is why I joined, to help out my community. That is why a lot of people join. Yes, we do have our share of parties, but the deeds we do can not be ignored. Maybe you are just jealous that you can not understand something that is so important to us.

And as far as my fellow Greek family getting help with their grades because of membership is ridiculous. Did you know that in order to be in a sorority or fraternity you have to have a certain GPA? Also, to remain active you have to maintain a certain community service. Why do you hate us?

Highly upset,
Candy West

The Good, The Bad and The Ugly

The method behind the madness - Reasons for last week's tirade

with Josh Beavers

Apparently, I have touched on a sensitive issue. There has been an unbelievable outpouring of outrage and disgust over what appeared in my column last week. I have received letters from various Greek members and more than one person coming up and asking, "What the hell my problem is."

I have angered many with my remarks on the Greek system. I said a lot of harsh, hateful, despicable, disgusting and down right mean things.

Were you angry? Were your hands wrapped tight around the paper? Was your heart pounding, and did you wish you could give me a piece of your mind? If so, well then I only have one thing to tell you - GOOD. You should have been angry. You should have wanted to call me every bad name you can think of.

But before you quit reading this column, hold on for I am going to let all of you in on a little secret. I don't hate Greeks; I really really don't. While I have no love for them, hence my decision to not partake in the system, I have no great hatred for them either.

So, why did I say every mean, spiteful and disgusting thing I could print? The answer lies below.

Pay attention and read the rest of this article very carefully for it might just change your life and maybe even your view of me. Last week's article and the subsequent fallout are ... a simple experiment.

I am trying to solve a problem, and the methods I chose to solve that problem were used in my column and your responses to that column. The variables are you, the Greeks of Northwestern, and your pride for your respective organization.

Confused? Read on and everything will be clarified.

The problem is the state of the current Opinions page of The Current Sauce and the apathy that saturates this campus. Has anyone ever wondered why the Opinions page has articles from the Associated Press nearly every week or why Tony Blanco's cartoons are run so large right beside only two super long columns, one of which is Blanco's and the other is mine.

The reason behind this is because the only time anyone takes the time to sit down and write something to this paper is when something negative is said about someone or something associated with him or her in the preceding issue or when Tony writes something that offended someone. **THIS IS THE REASON I WROTE SUCH A HARSH COLUMN. I NEEDED TO ILLUSTRATE MY POINT THAT THE ONLY TIME THINGS ARE WRITTEN IS WHEN IT BENEFITS THE AUTHOR.** Don't get me wrong; it is good to respond to something that has been written about you or something that offends you. It is your right to do so.

The problem lies in the fact that this is the only time someone will write anything, and I do mean anything. There have only been two letters this entire semester that have been about something more than what I have mentioned above.

I have been accused of allowing this page to become the weekly Tony rant and nothing more. The Opinions editor, Mary Freeman, and I can only do so much. We have to have people voice their concerns and grievances if we are to have a quality product. Individuals need to look outside of themselves and think of the greater good more often.

I know apathy is a major problem across the entire nation. Not just in this matter but all things that are deemed important. Just look at the current state of our political system. Even though this is true, I as editor of this paper have had the opportunity to see how things are done at other University newspapers. I am not referring to student newspapers at Duke and Harvard either.

I am talking about newspapers at Nicholls, McNeese, ULM, ULL, USL and so on. All of these are smaller schools that have student newspapers of not nearly as high of quality of the paper you are now reading.

This paper has better stories, photos, layouts and an overall look better than all of the above papers. While The Current Sauce excels in all of the above categories, the one area this paper dwells in the cellar in is the Opinions/Editorials page. Each of the above papers has a far superior product in this respect.

On the whole these pages are the same for every paper. Each has a good weekly columnist that makes people think, laugh and sometimes become angry (i.e. Tony Blanco). They each have a column from the editor that touches on important issues on the campus or around the world (i.e. me and what you are reading now).

But where we are different from the other papers in the state lies from what is not constant but appears on a one-time basis.

They have diversified Letters to Editor every week, sometimes more than 5 in each issue. Their readers take the time to write in about issues that need to be spoken about. They are less apathetic and actually seem to care about the problems on their respective campus and in the world. This is what makes their papers so much better in this respect. It is a cornerstone of all newspapers and something that has been lacking not just this semester but for the past three years.

This problem cannot be blamed on low readership either. We print 3500 issues every week; the papers are distributed on Thursday afternoon and by the following Monday many of the papers are gone from the bins. By Wednesday nearly every paper on campus has been picked up. I know people are reading this newspaper. They are just not taking an active enough role in its betterment.

I know I angered a great many people. I had to. I had to make my remarks so harsh that my point would be proven. I apologize to all those who took my remarks to heart, and I hope to answer all of your questions in the rest of this column.

So, why did I choose Greeks? And just what do I have against those Public Relations majors? Read on to discover the answers you desire.

Why did I choose the Greeks? There are several reasons for this target group starting with the most obvious - Greeks are the most recognizable group on campus. If the Student Government Association or the African American Caucus had been in the position of the Greeks, they would have been chosen. Secondly, Greeks have easily exploitable stereotypes associated with them. All I did was take every stereotype or rumor I had ever known or heard and magnified them tenfold. Third, Greeks are passionate about their fraternity or sorority. They are the most likely group to respond to something derogatory placed in the paper. They would provide me with the most data to prove my point.

Why did I choose Public Relations? This one is simple. Most of the Greeks I know are either Business majors or Public Relations majors. I picked the latter because of, once again, stereotypes. Public Relations, just like the Greek system, has a wide range of negative stereotypes that when exploited will elicit an appropriate response. Also, I know many of the Greek Public Relation majors, and it will be easier to mend severed ties my article generated.

As I said before I have no great hatred for Greeks. I do not really believe that all sorority girls are lacking morals and going to bed with everything that comes their way. Nor do I believe that grade changing or grade buying is a rampant problem on this campus. Furthermore, I do not believe that all Greeks are brainless. Let me make something clear, these statements were simply methods to prove a point. I have met many intelligent members of the Greek system, many of which are close, personal friends.

I thank everyone for their responses. I also thank everyone for not doing me physical harm until this could be published. And finally thanks for taking the time to read this all the way through. So, now that you have read this, do me a favor and actually learn what you have read and change the way you do things.

Take the time to talk about something that does not involve you personally or even take the time to talk about something good on this campus or in the world.

If you have a problem, voice it. Don't be so apathetic as to only care about your own problems. Also, don't be afraid. You can write something negative about someone in a position of power if it is warranted. This was one of the premises our country was founded on. It is a constitutional right and our duty to question those in power. If we fall lax in this endeavor, even on a local level, it is impossible to know what could happen to our culture and way of life.

In the words of the great Yoda, "Fear leads to anger; anger leads to hate; hate leads to suffering." In other words, do not let fear control you. I sure didn't.

It was quite a risk I took with what I wrote for what some would say is too small of a gain. It is true that in the greater scheme of things, this probably matters very little. But, it matters to me, and while this will probably change very little, at least for one moment you, the reader, were aware of the problem and my hope for a change. But when it all comes down it, it is up to you to make a difference.

Thank you for participating.

Josh Beavers, Editor
jbeavers316@hotmail.com

Letter from the journalism staff

Dear Josh,

As a past adviser to the Sauce and a campus social fraternity, I have been asked by former faculty colleagues in the Department of Journalism, all who were Greeks in college, to respond to the editorial in last week's paper about your hate for fraternity and sorority members.

First, from our journalistic perspective, we are disappointed that in the approximate 116-year history of Northwestern you had the first opportunity to write about an NSU basketball team being in the NCAA championship tournament and you saw fit to pass, and instead write a negative diatribe about Greeks. That should have been an editorial slam dunk, we think.

Rather you basically rehashed an attack piece Tony Blanco wrote earlier this semester against Greeks. Can we next expect an editorial advocating more masturbating since Tony wrote about that a week or so ago?

There are many issues on our campus needing the editorial perspective of the campus newspaper; for example, ways to increase dwindling attendance at some sporting events, solutions to the perennial parking problems (rather than just griping), the challenges of LSU-A becoming four years, the role of gambling becoming a life support for higher education, and others that need to be defined from a student's viewpoint.

Secondly, your comments about Greeks have so many errors it is really hard to reply in a short letter.

As a professor I was involved with the Honors Banquet since the 1960's and have never particularly noticed any large, organized attendance by groups on campus. I have certainly seen Greeks there and would suggest your concern about their large numbers would possibly be merely an indicator they are the better students on campus and will, henceforth, be more of them present.

Greeks have a better record of supporting athletics, campus activities (SAB and SGA), and community service projects than non-Greeks. Maybe the problem is you haven't been there at sporting contests, campus activities or community events since you aren't Greek. And probably the most erroneous statement in your editorial concerned faculty members "giving" grades to their Greek brothers and sisters. I think relaying a personal experience would best summarize my position on this matter.

When I first became adviser to the KA chapter (and this was back in 1972), the chapter president took my class and did not attend regularly or do satisfactory work. He failed--just as anyone else would have.

And I believe that story is still a part of the oral traditions in the chapter here--"Whitehead flunked the KA president."

To make such a blanket and damning statement flies in the face of truth just as saying a publications adviser "gave" better grades to the newspaper editor would be true, and you know it. All of us have also flunked staff on the newspaper and yearbook when they did not do the required work.

We as journalism faculty would hope you consider in the future as a graduating senior that truth and responsibility are the traits taught to students in journalism, and our campus newspaper should be a means of dialogue on important issues relevant to students and the Northwestern community and not a Harangue of the Week, especially when it was just done several weeks ago--we presume you do read Tony.

Sincerely,

Thomas Whitehead, Retired Associate Professor
Dr. Paula F. Furr, Assistant Professor
Dr. Steve Horton, Assistant Professor and Department Chair
Mary Brocato, Assistant Professor

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University department aids seniors in job search

By Elona Boggs
Sauce Reporter

Northwestern State University graduating seniors will have the chance to search for jobs, submit resumes and arrange interviews with employees in the convenience of their own homes.

The Counseling and Career Services Department at NSU, along with the eight other schools within the University of Louisiana System, will hold an online job fair called e-job fair for seniors searching for employment within the state of Louisiana.

The project, intended to assist ULS's 17,000 graduating seniors in their job searches, will begin on April 17 and last until May 28. Students will need to contact Counseling and Career Services in room 305 in the student union to get the password to access the site. Students can either log on to the Counseling and Career Services web site at www.nsula.edu/ccs or directly to the ULS web site at www.ulsystem.net.

Jim Moore, graduate assistant for the Counseling and Career Services, said the job fair will primarily include Louisiana employers looking to hire Louisiana employees. Moore said the fair will also include some out-of-state listings.

"Our intention is to connect graduates from Louisiana colleges and universities with employment opportunities within the state, so that they will stay here," Moore said.

According to a recent press release from the ULS, more than 2,500 Louisiana companies received invitations to post job vacancies on the web site. Jobs include those from several fields, including business, health care, criminal justice, communications, tourism and computer science. Businesses will pay a $50 fee to post these listings, regardless of how many jobs they post.

"Any student with a degree and is looking for employment can log on," Moore said. "Alumni are also welcome."

Those interested can contact Moore at the Counseling and Career Services at 357-5621.



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Every spring, 26 University students are chosen to serve as a Freshman Connector. These connectors endure hours of training to become a recruiting tool for the University. For the past two years, the connectors have placed first in SROW competitions around the nation beating numerous large schools.

University Freshman Connectors place in competitions

By Debra Treon
Sauce Reporter

Each year the orientation leaders for Freshmen Connection attend the annual Southern Regional Orientation Workshop. This workshop helps to develop Leadership skills through workshops, keynote speakers, group activities and competition. This year's competition was held in Murray, Kentucky at Murray State University.

Ten states and around 1200 people participate in this workshop. The participants of the competition can compete in skit, spirit, or song. The teams can only compete in one competition. The University's orientation leaders competed in the Song Competition. The freshman connection team has placed for the past 4 years.

In spring of 1999 the orientation leaders placed third. The past two years they have placed first.

"Our students make a commitment from the beginning to strive for excellence," Retha Cox, director of new student programs said. "They put in a lot of hours, practice, and their own time."

"Each year the team is made up of different personalities," Quincy Spencer, lead connector, said. "We come together with one goal, to place first in the competition in SROW, and we achieve it."

Each year students can apply for the orientation leaders position. Old connectors can apply as well. Only 26 of those who apply are chosen to be connectors. Once the orientation leaders are chosen they must go through a training process.

The workshop is part of the training for the orientation leaders.

The orientation team attended SROW, a leadership retreat at Dry Creek, La. in May and have to take a leadership development class in the spring.

All of the training leads up to the summer Freshmen Connection program.

Each year there are four sessions of Freshmen Connection. Each session lasts two days. The sessions are held in the early part of the summer.

The first session this summer is May 31 through June first. The second begins June 7 and ends the June 8. The third is the June 28 through June 29. The last session is the July 12 through July 13.

University officials collaborate to make transferring easier

Transferring to Northwestern State University will now be easier for students at Bossier Parish Community College. NSU and BPCC have signed a partnership agreement, which calls for both institutions to develop common degree plans. Those plans will ensure students can easily transfer courses between schools.

Northwestern previously signed an agreement with River Parishes Community College. The University is working with the state's other community colleges on similar agreements in accordance with the higher education master plan approved by the Louisiana Board of Regents.

"We are pleased to enter into this agreement with Bossier Parish Community College," University President Randall J. Webb said. Students at BPCC who complete an Intent to Transfer to Northwestern form will receive a written guarantee that courses will transfer between the two institutions. Those students will not be affected by changes in degree requirements at NSU for up to six years, the same benefit given to Northwestern students.

BPCC students who transfer to NSU will be able to receive assistance from Northwestern's Center for Academic Advising in the General College.

"This agreement will save time and money for students and will eliminate much of the frustration that can occur when a student transfers," Ina Agnew, director of enrollment services at NSU, said.

Northwestern and BPCC will work together on recruiting and marketing efforts. The two institutions will also promote the articulation agreement through their websites, catalogs and other publications.

NSU is also considering programs to bring BPCC students to the Northwestern campus for events that will help familiarize them with the university.

NSU and BPCC received assistance from the Louisiana Education Loan Authority in developing the program. LELA underwrote the printing of guides, which will be used by students putting together a degree plan.

"This agreement will provide us with student transfers from the community college system who are more likely to succeed and obtain a bachelor's degree," Agnew said.

According to Agnew, this agreement will also make it easier for NSU students to take summer courses near their homes. Students who are already enrolled at Northwestern can have BPCC courses apply toward their degree.

Faculty to pool sick days

By Bess Renfrow
Sauce Reporter

The faculty at Northwestern are reaching out to help their fellow faculty members.

The faculty senate was recently given approval to launch a shared sick leave program. Faculty members who have accumulated sick leave can donate some of the extra into a pool.

This pool is for faculty members who have a serious health condition that continues longer than their regular sick leave. They can apply for more sick leave from the pool.

This idea was first voiced in 1995 by then president of the faculty senate, Susan White. White took the idea to the presidents of faculty senates at other schools within Louisiana.

This group endorsed the idea, and it was sent to Baton Rouge for statewide approval.

In 2000, all schools were asked to submit a policy for a shared sick leave program.

Northwestern's policy differs from most in that faculty are allowed to donate more than the normal sixteen hours every three years. There is a clause in the policy that allows a one-time donation of a maximum of forty hours and a minimum of eight hours at the very beginning of the program.

This program is only for full-time faculty or unclassified staff members who are eligible to earn sick leave.

All faculty members should have received a copy of the policy and procedures. If a member has not received a copy, they should see their department secretary for a copy.

Faculty shortage possible problem for summer graduates

By Bridget Woods
Sauce Reporter

Some students looking forward to graduation this summer may have to put their celebration plans on hold until December. Students who were expecting to enroll in management 3580 will have to wait until the fall.

According to Susan C. White, a college of business professor, the decision not to offer the class during the summer session was reached by her and other professors from the department including Carroll Aby, Marcelline Fusilier and Joel Worley.

White said the class would not be offered because of a shortage of faculty. The professors who normally teach the class during the regular session are not obligated to teach in the summer.

"Enrollment has increased 30 percent in the past two years," White said. "We have repeatedly asked for more faculty. We don't have the faculty to teach management 3580."

The department chose not to offer this course mainly because it isn't a prerequisite for other business courses.

"We try to offer classes students want, but management 3580 isn't a prerequisite for anything," White said. "If a student doesn't take it, it's not as if they won't be allowed to take other courses."

White also said students would not be allowed to substitute another course in place of management 3580. Management 3580 is a standard accreditation course, and students who want to receive an accredited degree must complete the requirements of the University.

However, White said students who have 30 hours or more before they graduate can take the course or its equivalent at another university and transfer the credit hours to NSU.

Although one student has personally voiced his grievance to White, she is not aware of other problems students may have. White did offer some advice for students who may be affected by the absence of the class during the summer.

"I wish they would come talk to me instead of hiding behind the *Current Sauce*. One student has come to me, and I told him we'll figure something out," White said.

White said that she and the college of business tells students nothing about summer school is guaranteed.

On the other hand, they try to do their best and offer the classes students want and need.

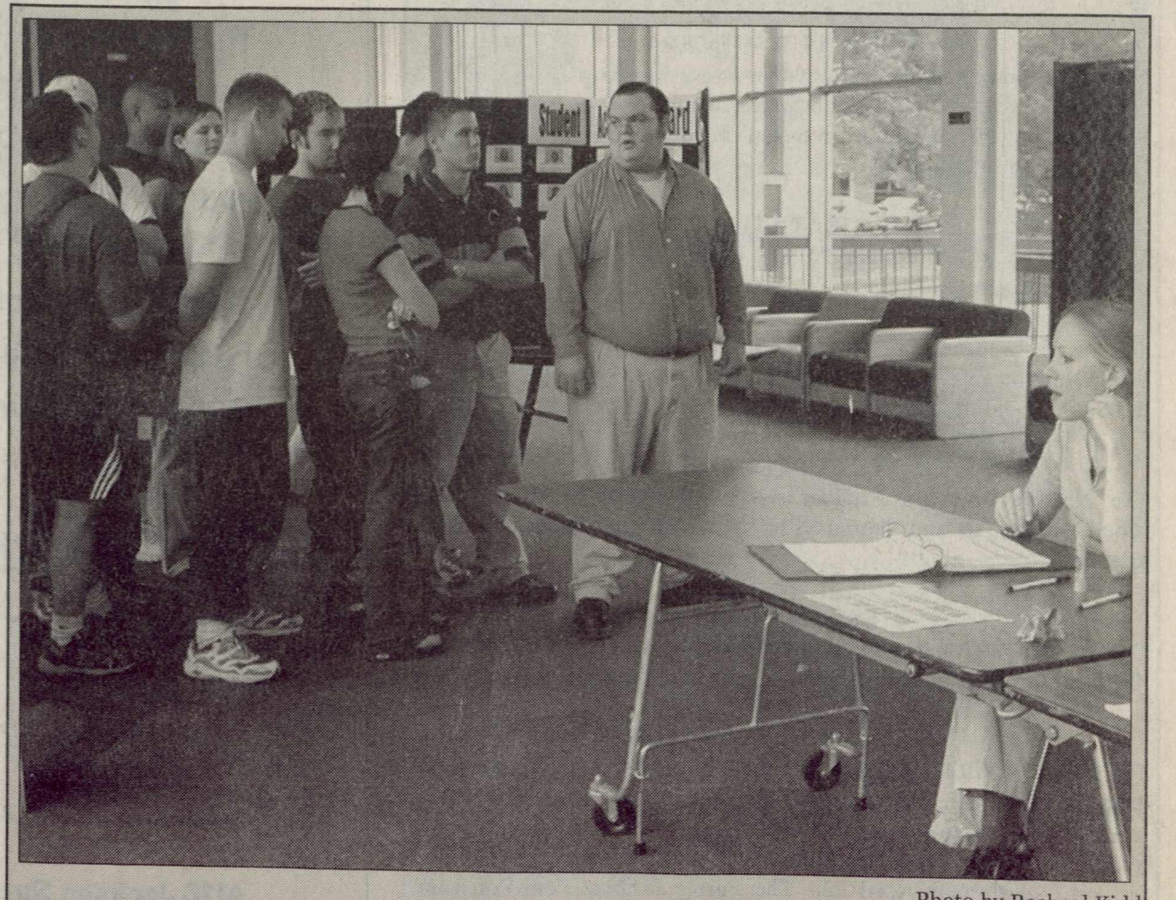


Photo by Rachael Kidd

SGA/SAB Elections

University students gathered on the second floor of the Student Union yesterday to begin the SGA/SAB elections. The elections are for numerous spots on the SGA and SAB. The most important election of all is for the SGA president, who will be named after the elections end today. Rusty Broussard and Justin Owen are the two students running for SGA president. The SGA hopes for a large turnout by the student body. **The election results can be found at www.currentsauce.com after the elections have finished.**



Photo by Rachael Kidd

Spring Fling Crawfish Boil

Last friday ended the fun filled week of Spring Fling. The week was ended by a crawfish boil sponsored by the Student Activities Board. The SAB estimated that between 400 and 500 students attended the event. Students were treated with free boiled crawfish and were entertained by Feedback.

Campus Connections

ART COMPETITION

There will be a student art competition April 2-27 upstairs in Hanchey Gallery.

SENIOR ART EXHIBIT

April 16-20 NSU presents a senior art exhibition downstairs of Hanchey Gallery.

TREASURE HUNT

Tri Sigma will be hosting a treasure hunt April 27-29. Tickets are $5.00 and go on sale April 9. Purchase tickets from any Tri Sigma member A valid NSU Id is required to win.

DELTA DAZE

On Thursday a Sadie Hawkins party will be held at the NSU recreation complex at 8 p.m.
Friday there will be bowling with the Deltas at Country Lanes beginning at 6 p.m.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

The SGA offers free scantrons to students every Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 222 of the Student Union. You will need a student I.D. to take advantage. Also, the students may stop by the Book Swap Board to look for books they may need for a cheaper rate. Vote for SGA President, Vice-President and Senators-at-Large; SAB Representatives-at-Large in the Student Union on April 4 & 5 from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

WESLEY WESTMINSTER FOUNDATION

Students can have lunch at the Wesley Westminister Foundation (between Magee's and The Ink Spot) on Tuesday from 11:30 until 1 p.m. The first visit is free and $1 each time thereafter. Worship services are held from 6:30-7:30 pm each Wednesday.

COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

College Democrats conduct informational meetings every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union.

COLLEGE REPUBLICANS

College Republicans meet every Wednesday at 5 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union.

STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE

Meetings are held every Wednesday at noon in room 224 of Russell Hall. All majors welcome.

CATHOLIC STUDENT ORGANIZATION

The CSO would like to invite all students to join the CSO for fun, fellowship, and a free meal every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church (located on Second Street). You do not have to be Catholic to join in on the fun; every student is welcome. There is also a student Mass held every Sunday at 9:30 p.m. For more information call Amy Dowden at 352-2615.

NSU CLUB SOCCER

NSU Club Soccer is open to anyone who wants to play soccer on a collegiate level. The NSU Club Soccer team meets everyday behind Watson Library from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information contact Cesar Isgitt at 354-6483.

BIBLE STUDY

There will be an interdenominational Bible Study held each Tuesday night at 8:45 p.m. in Room 100 of Morrison Hall.

CHI ALPHA

We invite you to come and worship with us each Thursday night in the Student Union lounge for "Thursday Night Live" at 7 p.m.

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Native American Student Association will be meeting on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Thursdays at 6 p.m. All students are welcome to attend.

SPANISH CLUB

The Spanish Club meets every Wednesday at 3 p.m. in room 404 of Kyser Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

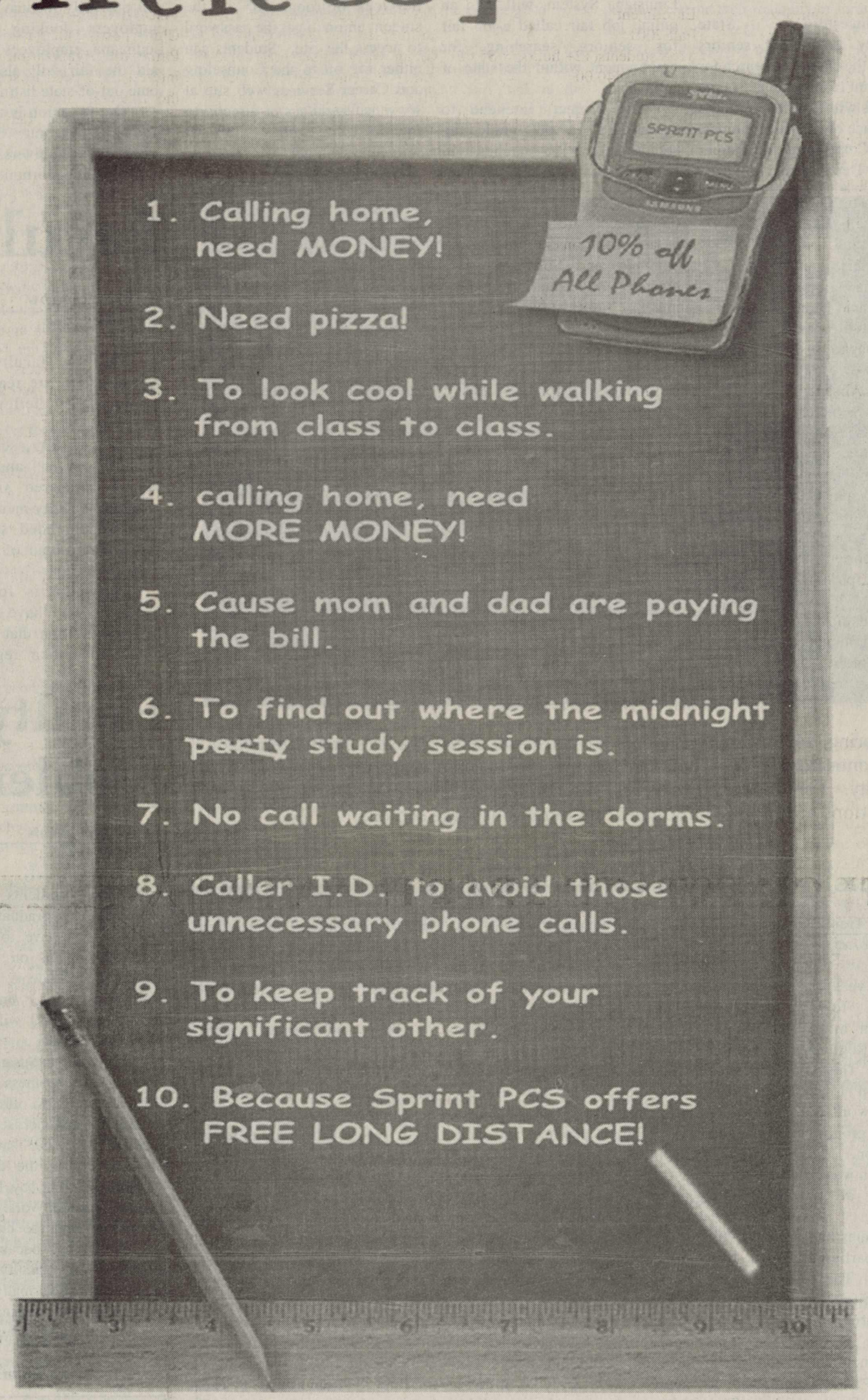
SPIRIT GROUP AUDITIONS

The Office of Admissions and Recruiting would like to announce the dates for spirit group auditions for the 2001-2002 year. Northwestern's dance line, the Demon Dazzlers, will hold tryouts March 31. Cheerleader and "Vic the Demon" tryouts are scheduled for April 21 through April 22. The Purple Pizzazz Pom Pon Line auditions will be April 28. Anyone interested in obtaining an application for spirit group auditions should contact Martha Hooper at 357-4503. Applications can be picked up at the Admissions Office in Roy Hall.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD

The SAB will be sponsoring a dinner with the Demons at the baseball field on Sunday at 1 p.m. There will be free food, door prizes and games for students with valid NSU IDs.

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SGA Minutes 4-2-01

I. Call to Order- 7:09 p.m.

The prayer was led by Leanna Anderson, and the pledge was led by Buster Carlisle.

Roll Call

Present

Leanna Anderson
Chante Bellard
Vanessa Byrd
Buster Carlisle
Jonathan Chance
Greg Comeaux
Matthew Comeaux
Stacie Cosby
Jessica Cramer
William Eilers
Dustin Floyd
Will Hooper
Elizabeth Hughes
Dustin Matthews
Jeremiah Newsom
Justin Owen
Shelly Smith
Frank Toro
Glenn Ward
Brian Wilkinson
David Gunn
Rusty Broussard
Wayne Bush

Absent

Craig Coutee-excused
Shaun Jackson-excused
Jeremy Malmay-excused
Tara Newman
Shymika Stephenson-excused
Jennifer Whittington-excused

Frank Toro corrected the minutes to say Club Sports meets at 3:00 p.m.
Dustin Floyd moved to approve the corrected minutes.
Matthew Comeaux seconded.
The motion passed- general consent.

II. Executive Reports

Treasurer- Wayne Bush

Projected Revenue from Current Fee- Projected Enrollment
Fall 2001
5168 students(12+ hours) x $2.25 = $1,628.00
Spring 2002
4561 students(12+ hours) x $2.25 = $10,262.25
Projected Total Revenue
$11,628.00 + $10,262.25 = $21,890.25

Projected Revenue from Proposed Fee- Projected Enrollment
Fall 2001
5168 students(12+ hours) x $5.00 fee = $25,840.00
Spring 2002
4561 students(12+ hours) x $5.00 fee = $22,805.00
Projected Total Revenue
$25,840.00 + $22,805.00 = $48,645.00
*All numbers are conservative estimates based on enrollment for the 98-00 and Spring 98-01 semesters excluding graduate students. Information obtained from Dr. Carson, Institutional Research.

Enrollment for Past semesters(Natchitoches campus only):

Spring 98	4457
Fall 98	4903
Spring 99	4447
Fall 99	5227
Spring 00	4685
Fall 00	5374
Spring 01	4655
Total	18244
Total	15504
Average	4561
Average	5168

Projected Increase in Revenue
$48,645.00 - $21,890.25 = $26,754.75

Vice President- Rusty Broussard
Breakfast with the President is tomorrow morning with the Student Government. The next Breakfast with the President is April 17 with the Louisiana Scholars College Forum Council. Everyone needs to keep doing their office hours. I need to speak with Shaun Jackson and Shymika Stephenson, but they are not here. The same people are missing department and committee meetings. This Wednesday we go to the Admissions office for STARS to call people. I need three volunteers for each hour. Buster Carlisle, David Gunn, and Glenn Ward volunteered for 5-6 p.m. Chante Bellard, Dustin Floyd, and Niko Tesvich volunteered for 6-7 p.m.

President- David Gunn
Next weekend is COSBP in New Orleans. I need exact number of people who are going to attend so I can RSVP The User Fee Agreement was not signed. It will be signed this week. Dustin Floyd gets the souvenir pen. I will give a more detailed report next meeting.

Jonathon Chance walked in the meeting.

III. Department Reports

Academic Affairs- Jessica Cramer
We had a problem with the Curriculum Review Committee. They did not inform us of their last meeting. So, again, the SGA was not represented. We are collecting all of the surveys.
Stacie Cosby said the Distinguished Lecture Series is looking at Adam Corolla and Dr. Drew of MTV's Loveline and Daniel Quinn.
Jessica said: Wayne and I went to the Calendar committee meeting. I am not pleased; however, they did grant us a motion for a Fall Break other than Thanksgiving and 10 minutes between classes. We finished legislature on Teacher Evaluation last week.

External Affairs- Glenn Ward
He thanked his committee for all of their hard work. Our meeting will be tomorrow at 3 p.m. We've been promoting the forum and elections.

Fiscal Affairs- Wayne Bush
Club Sports- Frank Toro said the Paintball Organization is very interested. I need to speak with the External Affairs committee. The Club Sports meeting this week is cancelled.

Internal Affairs- Vanessa Byrd
Add Resolution SP01-008: Sponsors-Academic Affairs Department to New Business. This should have gotten in your box. Also add Resolution SP01-009: Sponsors-SGA to New Business. We will approve the March Senator of the Month at our next meeting-sorry for the delay. Election workers are needed. Please sign the sheet. If eligible to work, please work two hours. Sign up for the banquet. No parents are allowed except for old and new executives because of money constraints. By-law amendments are to be voted on tonight. Don't forget to think about Speaker of the Senate, Commissioners of Academic, External and Student for next week. Also vote for New Senator of the Year, Senator of the Year, Commissioner of the Year and Faculty/Staff of the Year for plaques. The forum is tomorrow night at 7 p.m. The senators who still need legislation are Craig Coutee, Dustin Matthews, Glenn Ward, Jennifer Whittington, and Brian Wilkinson. I need to speak with Elizabeth Hughes after the meeting.

Student Affairs- Justin Owen
We met today. Stacie Cosby brought to my attention some lights that are out between here and Boozman. We will check that out as soon as possible. Mr. Hicks emailed me about the shuttle bus. We are setting up a meeting with them. Thanks to Vanessa Byrd for being a wonderful Speaker and hard worker. Forum Committee meets Wednesday at 2 p.m.

SAB Non-voting Representative- Will Hooper
Coffeehouse is cancelled tonight. SAB is wondering about giving money to KNWD for Demonfest.

Supreme Court- Niko Tesvich
Our meeting is the Wednesday after Spring Break.

Advisor's Report- Mr. Henry
The voting machines were put out. We need people to work the polls.

IV. Old Business

Dustin Floyd moved to approve the By-law amendments.
Chante Bellard seconded.
Discussion followed.
The motion passed. 20-0-0

Matthew Comeaux moved to approve Bill SP01-002.
Dustin Floyd seconded.
Discussion followed.

William Eilers moved to amend Bill SP01-002 to read "If, after a period of one (1) week following their appointment, a newly appointed senator fails to complete the necessary office hours, committee meetings, or misses the first official meeting without an excuse, they will automatically be ejected form the senate. Dustin Floyd seconded.
The motion passed. 20-0-0

Matthew Comeaux moved to amend Bill SP01-002 to read "If, after a period of one (1) week following their appointment, a newly appointed senator fails to complete the necessary office hours, committee meetings, and misses the first official meeting without an excuse, they will automatically be ejected form the senate.
No second.

Dustin Floyd moved to table Bill SP001-002.
Jessica Cramer seconded.
The motion passed. 17-0-2

V. New Business

Notice of Intent to remove Shymika Stephenson (3 weeks incomplete office hours).

Dustin Floyd moved to remove Alando Marsten from the Election Board.
Jessica Cramer seconded.
The motion passed. 19-1-0

Jeremiah Newsom moved to approve Amanda Barrios for Election Board.
Justin Owen seconded.
The motion passed. 20-0-1

VI. Announcements

Presidential/Vice Presidential Candidate Forum Tuesday 7 p.m. in Kyser TV Studio.
SGA/SAB Elections are Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. Henry said election workers cannot wear any campaign clothes, pins, or letter shirts.

Jessica Cramer needs help with the Calender Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Former president to speak at LSU's commencement

Former President George Bush Sr. will give the commencement address at LSU's 244th spring graduation ceremony on May 18, the university said.

Bush, the country's 41st president, has spoken at LSU before. He was the keynote speaker at the LSU War Memorial dedication ceremonies in 1998, and his wife Barbara delivered the commencement address when she was First Lady in 1992.

Bush was elected president in 1988 and served one term.

Students, as well as faculty, are excited about having Bush speak.

"I think that it is an honor for Mr. Bush to speak at my graduation," Jason Humble, a graduating senior, said.

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LIFE

Marijuana: a controversial drug

By Tara L. Gallien, M.Ed.
LIFE Health Columnist

I was asked by my editor to write something about marijuana and its use on campus. His request made me think about my students' responses to my lectures on drug use. I teach Personal and Community Health, which includes such topics as alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use.

Although most students seem to agree that drug use of any kind is detrimental to health, there have been some (over the course of four years of teaching) that have argued that marijuana use is not harmful when compared to other "harder" drug use. I suppose "harder" must refer to drugs that have greater addictive qualities.

I would like to emphasize that although I have my own opinion about marijuana use, I am consciously making an effort to remain unbiased and report information that is well documented in drug education texts. Hopefully this article will provide information that may have previously been misunderstood or unknown to some of my readers. So here it goes.

The Basics of Marijuana

Marijuana is a preparation of leafy material from the Cannabis plant that is used by smoking. The primary psychoactive (mind-altering) agent is delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol, also known simply as THC.

In the 1960s the amount of THC present in marijuana was about .1% to .2%. However, new methods of harvesting and processing marijuana plants has made pot about 20 times more potent today. This increase in THC concentrations over the past 40 years concerns health officials because much of the research about the physiological effects of THC was based on studies containing low THC concentrations.

Furthermore, in 1960 only about 4% of 18-25 year olds reported smoking marijuana. This grew to 68% by 1980 and continues to rise. The rates of use among young people, younger than 18, have also risen.

The Effects

Lungs: The primary route of administration is through inhalation, which by the way is the fastest route of administration (ingestion, injection, and absorption being the other three routes). THC reaches the brain within 14 seconds after inhalation.

The user is exposed to more carcinogens (cancer-causing substances) and tar than in cigarette smoke. Because users inhale so deeply and briefly hold their breath, nearly 70% of the gas/particles from burning marijuana stays in the lungs. This residue (tar and carcinogens) sticks to the walls of the lungs transforming healthy pink lung tissue into black damaged tissue. A fact that can be seen in cadavers who smoked 3 - 4 joints a week.

Tiny cells in our lungs called alveolar macrophages clean out the debris that enters into our lungs from the environment. Without these immune system cells our lungs would be continually infected by tiny microorganisms known as pathogens. Research has shown that the smoke from burning marijuana paralyzes the macrophages and prevents them from doing their job.

Moreover, the hot gas inhaled, although significantly cooled by our air passages, irritates the lining of the airway (also causing constriction of the bronchioles). This is why people produce excess mucous and cough when inhaling - similar to cigarette smokers.

THC is fat-soluble (likes fat, dislikes water). This quality allows THC to cross the membranes in the lungs and deposit in other fatty parts of the body, particularly the brain and gonads. THC can be stored in body fat for long periods of time; complete elimination can take up to 30 days.

Finally, carbon monoxide (CO) is a byproduct of burning marijuana. The part of your red blood cell that carries oxygen (hemoglobin) are about 200 times more likely to bind to CO than to oxygen if both are present in the blood; thus, even a small amount of CO can greatly reduce the amount of oxygen carried in the bloodstream. In other words, CO deprives the body parts that need oxygen the most - the heart and brain. That's why people feel winded and out of breath when they smoke.

Brain: THC affects the central nervous system in the following ways: Interferes with hand-eye coordination and reaction time (please don't smoke and drive). Negatively impacts critical thinking skills related to attention, memory, and learning. Impairments continues even after discontinuing it's use for at least 24 hours Development of "Amotivational Syndrome". This syndrome characterizes regular users of marijuana who experience a lack of motivation and reduced productivity. Specifically, users show apathy, poor short-term memory, difficulty concentrating, and a disinterest in pursuing goals. Alters perceptions, particularly a slowing of time

After 10 years of regular use, a person's ventricles (part of the brain where cerebrospinal fluid is stored) begin to enlarge and the brain itself shrinks.

Sexual Performance and Reproduction: Marijuana may interfere with sexual performance and reproduction in many ways.

In males: Affects the sympathetic nervous system, increasing vasodilatation (causes blood vessels to dilate) in the genitals, thus delaying ejaculation. High doses over a period of time lead to decreased libido (sexual drive) and impotence (inability to maintain an erection). Decreases testosterone (the hormone that allows males to be males). A decrease in this hormone can lead to an increase in female characteristics (e.g., development of breasts) Decreases sperm production. For example, 2 joints a day for one week can decrease sperm production by 50%.

In females: Interferes with ovulation, therefore affecting fertility may stop menstruation. THC and other cannabinoids pass through the blood-placenta barrier and collect in the fetus's fatty tissue, which includes the brain.

Because marijuana has been the object of so much controversy, researchers continue to study the acute and chronic health affects of marijuana use. To dismiss the current evidence of its effects on health is (in my opinion) foolish. Remember, much of the research was based on marijuana that had much lower THC concentrations than the marijuana used today (on the streets). Therefore, smoking today's marijuana (which has much higher THC levels) may have an even greater effect on a person's health.

If you have any questions about this article, or would like to have your own question answered or topic discussed, email me at tarag@nsula.edu. Thanks.

Tara Gallien currently works for the NSU Human and Health Performance department and is also an instructor for the college. She has a M.A. in Health Promotion and was previously a personal trainer.

Lifeless Spring Fling concert

By Mindy Mixon
Concert Review

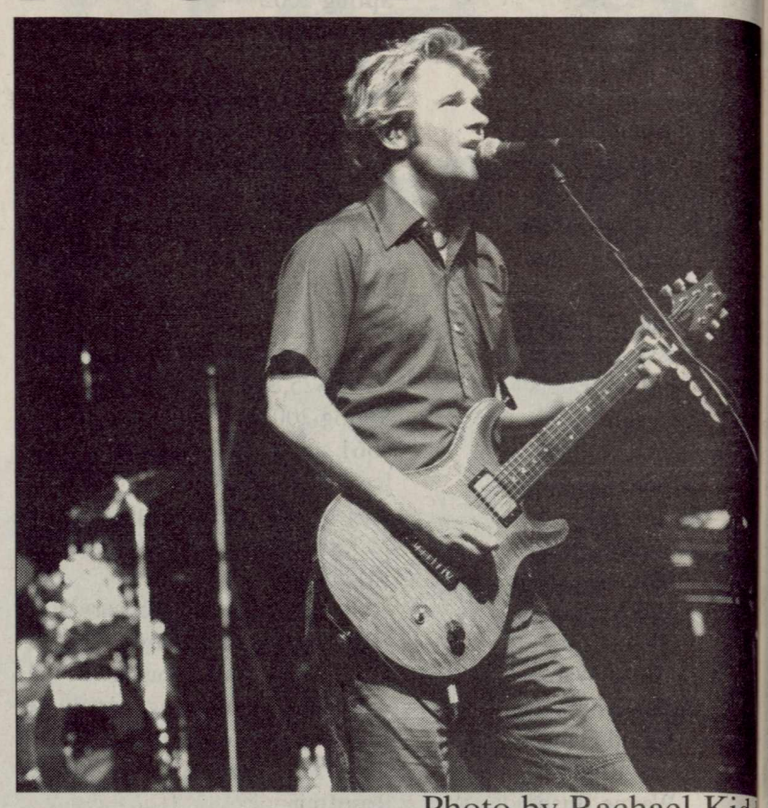


Photo by Rachael Kido
Stroke 9 plays in Prather Coliseum

Spring is upon us and another annual Spring Fling Week is behind us. The movie proved to be entertaining, the crawfish spicy, but the concert lacked in many areas. And I don't mean that the band lacked talent or musical skill I thoroughly enjoyed the authors of "Nasty Little Thoughts" and guests from on the Malcolm in the middle soundtrack. I'm referring to the lack of student attendance at these events. Why are Northwestern students passing up opportunities to see a good concert for FREE?

Susanna Deshotel, student activities and organizations assistant director, quoted the attendance figure "between 500-600 people." Well, people must have come and gone all night long because I stayed for almost all the concert and estimated attendance somewhere between 200-300 fans.

Are students aware that it cost Northwestern $29,000 to bring these two alternative rock bands to Natchitoches? That's a hefty sum, much more than I would have guessed. Because students fees pad the pockets for organizations such as the Student Activities Board, if you're paying for it, why not enjoy it?

Not only were there few people present but the crowd was dead. The corpses just stood there, numbly gazing at the band that played in vain to try to elicit a response from the lifeless blobs.

Not until Stroke 9's one hit, "Little Black Backpack," did the crowd jump around and come alive. I'm aware that that is probably the only song students knew to sing along with but Stroke 9 is a talented band and there other songs did merit a response - maybe one or two yells with some minor clapping.

Even though SAB claims to be "pleased at the turnout", the Toby Keith concert a year ago drew in over 1,000 country lovers. Deshotel explained, "for the Toby Keith concert, the band was booked three months in advance so there was adequate time to do some public relations work like advertising on the radio and around the community. But because alternative groups don't nail down a date until the end, we had some time constraints."

The SAB works hard all year long planning events they feel will appeal to college students and while unaware of how they feel, I was more than disappointed in the lacking turnout.

Reason for the season

By Randall S. Frederick
LIFE Editor Opinion

Since it is Easter season and the whole reason we celebrate the holiday is because we believe Jesus Christ was raised from the dead on the third day, maybe I will be permitted to speak openly about this subject.

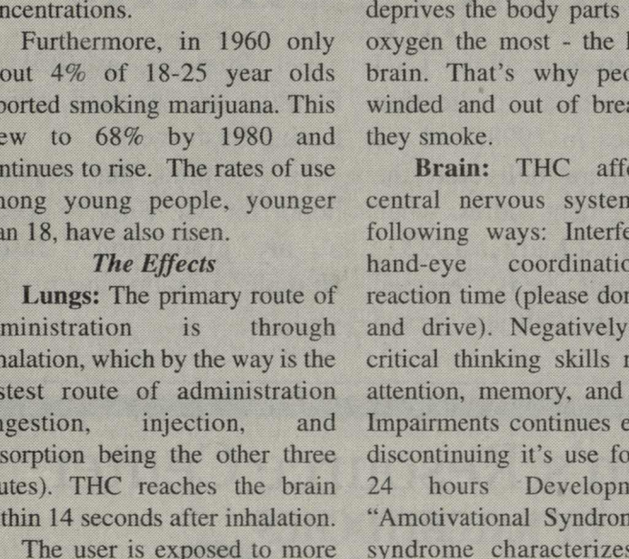
Once again the power, the color, the fragrance of new life in spring has conquered and overpowered the cold, colorless, drab of winter. As the seasons change and the warmth of the sun begins to draw the new bud outward, nothing can hold it back. The hard dry shell that has encapsulated it has to give way to the power of new life. We have all probably seen the new blades of grass sprouting up through a solid asphalt highway or a pure concrete sidewalk. The seed buried under all that weight and darkness somehow finds its way out. It has been said that archeologist have found seeds in the Egyptian tombs over 3,000 years old, and when they were planted, the life held inside burst forth.

It is interesting to me how there is but one story in all the religions of the world that runs parallel to the nature of the seed, that there is only one God that claims to have been resurrected, just as is pictured by every seed that has ever been planted. The outer shell dies, then a new more powerful life bursts forth.

Another interesting bit of information that always confirms to me that there is but one true resurrected Lord is that every time I have ever heard someone curse, they never say Buddha, Mohammed, Satan or any other proposed god. They always use the name of the risen Lord. But that is okay. God has been getting smacked for a long time. From the Serpent in the Garden of Eden cursed to crawl on his belly, to the Pharaoh of Egypt who was swallowed up by the Red Sea, to Goliath who lost his head, to Pontius Pilate who is said to have gone insane trying to wash the blood of an innocent man off his hands. God has been getting his for a long time. God is like a anvil upon whom all the scoffers wear their hammers out on. But the anvil still stands and the scoffers only perish to find themselves standing before Him. Jesus did die on a cross. He was raised on the third day and there is no other name under Heaven whereby men must be saved.

If this is a fairy tale to you just lay it to the side and go on your way. "Religiousness" just added to your collection of varying opinions. If it is false, you have lost nothing. But if it is true and Jesus is the One, then you will have gambled and lost everything your soul eternally separated from God. Just listen with your heart unaffected by media, peer pressure, or the world. Just listen with your heart. He died for you because He loves you. Accept Him and have a Happy Easter!

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Ashley Judd *Meows*

Associated Press

Ashley Judd has snagged a purr-fect new role as Batman's nemesis in the new movie *Catwoman*. The Caped Crusader will play a supporting role to the felonious feline in the new Warner Bros. film, Variety reported Monday.

Michelle Pfeiffer played Catwoman in the 1992 sequel *Batman Returns*. It was thought she would reprise the role, but Warner Bros. has made it clear they were looking for a much younger actress.

Catwoman is the third film in the comic-book franchise in development at Warner Bros. Darren Aronofsky, director of the bleak drug-addiction tragedy *Requiem For a Dream*, is working on a prequel titled *Batman: Year One*. Meanwhile, director Boaz Yakin is developing the movie *Batman Beyond*, based on the futuristic WB cartoon about a young crime-fighter who replaces the retired Bruce Wayne.

Jodie Foster is pregnant again

Associated Press

Add yet another project to Jodie Foster's busy production schedule.

The actress-director-producer has confirmed she's pregnant with her second child. Per tradition, Foster broke the news to gossip maven Liz Smith, saying the little bundle of joy is due in November.

"My sisters and I are all Scorpios so we have a soft spot for the birth date," Foster, 38, told Smith. "I enjoyed being pregnant with Charlie and I look forward to this experience again. I am into all the health foods, yoga and the rest of it."

Also per tradition, Foster is not discussing who the father is. The Oscar-winning actress was just as mum about the lineage of her first son, Charlie, who turns three in July. Foster has taken on the role of single mom for her child and, despite the always-swirling rumors, has refused to discuss any specifics.

When asked by Smith whether "her donor" is the same man as Charlie's father, Foster replied, "I'm not going to answer that."

Carson Daly and Tara Reid postpone weddin

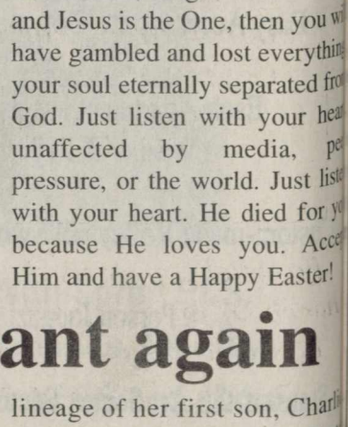
Associated Press

Nothing like a romantic honeymoon on the picket line. At least that's what MTV's everyman veejay Carson Daly and his Josie and the Pussycats fiancée Tara Reid must be thinking right about now.

The pair has indefinitely postponed their May wedding plans, according to published reports, so Reid can shoot one more movie before a possible actors strike in July.

Guests had already received their invites for the wedding, which was scheduled for the second week in May. But Reid told TV Guide that she and Daly opted to postpone, after she scored a role in *The Guest*, a film directed by David Zucker and costarring *That '70s Show*'s Ashton Kutcher and *Saturday Night Live* alum Molly Shannon.

"So the good news is I got another movie. That bad news is the wedding is not happening," she said, deflecting any speculation that she dissed Daly because he couldn't get the new Josie and the Pussycats single on the TRL countdown. "I had picked



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out the bridesmaid's dresses and the invitations, but we have canceled everything."

The Mexican delivers

By Mindy Mixon
Movie Review

It was rumored the Julia Roberts and Brad Pitts halved their extravagant salaries, which currently stands at a cool $20 million a movie, to make the low budget film The Mexican. Both should have held out for a better paying offer.

Jerry Welbach (Pitt) a reluctant mobster is being forced by his boss to retrieve a valuable, apparently cursed antique pistol called "The Mexican." His girlfriend Samantha (Roberts) proves to be less than understanding when he cancels their weekend plans to Vegas to head below the border. Never mind that he will most certainly die if he blows off the mob boss. All the neurotic Samantha can do is quote relationship books, overanalyze everyone and oh, yeah, scream a lot. A whole lot.

"Then comes the doozy, Leroy, the cold-blooded killer, is nothing more than a sentimental homosexual."

Mindy Mixon
Sauce Reporter
On *The Mexican*

So the two take their separate pathways and from this point on, the film's a series of backflashes from one story to another. In fact, our prince and princess of Hollywood are only seen actually together at the very beginning and end of the movie.

Poor Jerry cannot seem to catch a break. Once in the dusty pueblos of Mexico he is attacked, his car is stolen, the priceless gun is stolen numerous times and to top it off. The mob has turned on him and now thinks he's trying to pull a fast one by keeping the gun for himself.

Samantha, meanwhile, hops in her neon green Volkswagen Bug and points in the direction of Las Vegas still determined to make her trip. Her trip is ultimately detained, however, when she is kidnapped at gunpoint by Leroy, a ruthless mobster who wants to ensure the safe return of the pistol.

Along the way Samantha and Leroy bond, so much so that he cannot find it in his heart to touch any of the pretty curls on her head. It's so predictable it's sickening.

Then comes the doozy , Leroy, the cold-blooded killer, is nothing more than a sentimental homosexual. Through his counseling, Samantha attempts to view the relationship from Jerry's angle.

Final synopsis, a little too long, a little too confusing and a lot of disappointment. I guess I just expected more from the Hollywood elite.

Someone Like You is predictable

Associated Press

Someone Like You implies a romantic comedy. Like all bland romantic comedies, the title is a vague reference to something in the second person. It hails from the tradition of *Only You*, *It Can Happen to You*, *Down to You* and *'Til There Was You*. Each could just as easily have been called *You Know What to Expect*.

Judd plays an offbeat TV talk-show talent booker who falls for the perfect man (Greg Kinnear). But Kinnear's veneer of handsome compassion is a fraud. After the couple commits to sharing an apartment, he leaves her not only heartbroken, but homeless. He offers no conclusive explanation, leaving Judd to obsess over the failed romance and, desperate for an apartment, she agrees to rent an extra room from the office tomcat (Hugh Jackman).

Jackman plays your standard womanizer: charming, good-looking and very promiscuous.

Unable to avoid noticing her new roommate's dating habits, Judd develops a theory about human relationships that is based partly on a news article she reads about, animal husbandry. The report documents the plight of dairy farmers trying to mate cows. Bulls eagerly couple with a female, but only once. After that, they move on to, say, greener pastures to spread their seed.

The rest of the movie follows Judd as she tries to apply this "old cow" theory to the relationships around her. There's a subtle poignance to this quest because she needs to believe it's innate in all men to reject their mates eventually. Otherwise, she reasons, her love affairs fails because she is flawed.

Someone Like You, is an enjoyable, funny love story, but it deserves a better introduction to moviegoers than the bland, cowardly title allows.

Percy Sledge to headline 2001 Natchitoches Jazz/R&B Festival

The Natchitoches Jazz/R&B Foundation has announced that legendary rhythm and blues performer Percy Sledge will headline the 6th Annual Natchitoches Jazz/R&B Festival on April 6 and 7 on the downtown riverbank in Natchitoches.

The festival begins April 6 with a street dance on the bricks of Natchitoches' Front Street from 7 p.m. to 11p.m. Saturday's festivities begin at 12:15 p.m. with continuous music on three stages in downtown Natchitoches. Sledge's performance is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

Sledge is a worldwide superstar who has been performing for more than 40 years, with several hits including the No. 1 smash *When a Man Loves a Woman*. He has been widely recognized as one of the greatest rhythm and blues singers and performers of all time.

In addition to Sledge, top groups from all over Louisiana will be performing during the day on the various stages. Bands from the Natchitoches area include: Johnny Earthquake and The Moondogs, Roque's Blues Band, The Perpetrators, The Jazz Tones, The Gators and Billy O'Con and The Convicts.

For the first time in the festival's history, a third stage will be added known as the "Ads Parish Yellow Pages Future Stars Stage." This third stage will spotlight acts from local high schools and colleges.

Festival Chairman George Etheredge said the festival gets bigger and better every year.

"We love seeing entire families enjoy a weekend of great music, food and fun, and we believe that this year's festival is going to be the best ever." Etheredge says.

Tickets are $5 for Friday evening and $10 on Saturday.

Make sure to check out the Student Government Association and Student Activities Board election results on the Current Sauce official website, **www. currentsauce.com**

Applications are now being accepted for the following student media positions for the 2001-2002 school year (including 2001 summer session):

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Potential applicants should check the 2001 Student Handbook for qualifications required before submitting an application. Questions can be answered by Neil Ralston at 357-4439.

Entertainment Headlines

Drew Barrymore's publicist telling USA Today that the actress and beau Tom Green are officially married. Green told the paper they got hitched "a couple of weeks ago." The couple have been fibbing about doing the deed for months.

Tupac Shakur's latest posthumous album, Until the End of Time, debuting on top of the Billboard charts, selling about 427,000 copies. The rapper was killed in 1996.

Fox's summer blockbuster X-Men ratcheting up 10 nominations for the Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror Films' 27th annual Saturn Awards, while Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon and Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas followed close behind with eight nods apiece.

Christopher Walken signing to play the lead human in Disney's largely animatronic The Country Bears . The movie features eight animatronic bears and the voices of such actors as Haley Joel

Argus 2000-1

NSU's Literary Magazine

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Sports

McConathy nabs Coach of the Year honor

Chris Thompson, Michael Byars-Dawson earn All-Louisiana honors

By Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

Demon basketball coach Mike McConathy was named the Coach of the Year by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association.

Joining McConathy on the All-Louisiana team is guard Michael Byars-Dawson and forward Chris Thompson, both representing the Demons on the third team.

"It's very satisfying. For me and the coaching staff here to be recognized in this capacity is a big honor," McConathy said. "Hopefully we can continue to be competitive and people will consider NSU"

McConathy coached the Demons to a 19-13 record this season, leading them to both the first NCAA tournament appearance and tournament win in school history. His 36-26 two-year record is the best two-year total in school history.

In his two seasons here, he steered the Demons to the conference tournament finals both years while winning the tournament this season.

"It's been an exciting year, one where we've seen highs and lows," McConathy said. "We've been at the bottom of the barrel and the top of the mountain this season. That's generally how life is."

Byars-Dawson, the 5-11 junior transfer, led the team in scoring (13.2 ppg) and was named conference tournament MVP.

Thompson, a 6-7 senior forward, was the only other Demon to average more than double-digits in scoring (12 ppg). He averaged a double-double (14.5 points, 10 rebounds)in two NCAA tournament games.

Demon freshman D'or Fischer missed being named Freshman of the Year by one vote, losing out to Grambling forward Paul Haynes.

McNeese guard Demond Mallet was the only player from the Southland conference to make the first team. Other conference players on the All-Louisiana squads include Brown's teammate Tierre Brown and Nicholls' forward Art Haralson.

Player of the Year honors went to Centenary's Ronnie McCollum, who lead the nation in scoring (29.1 ppg.).

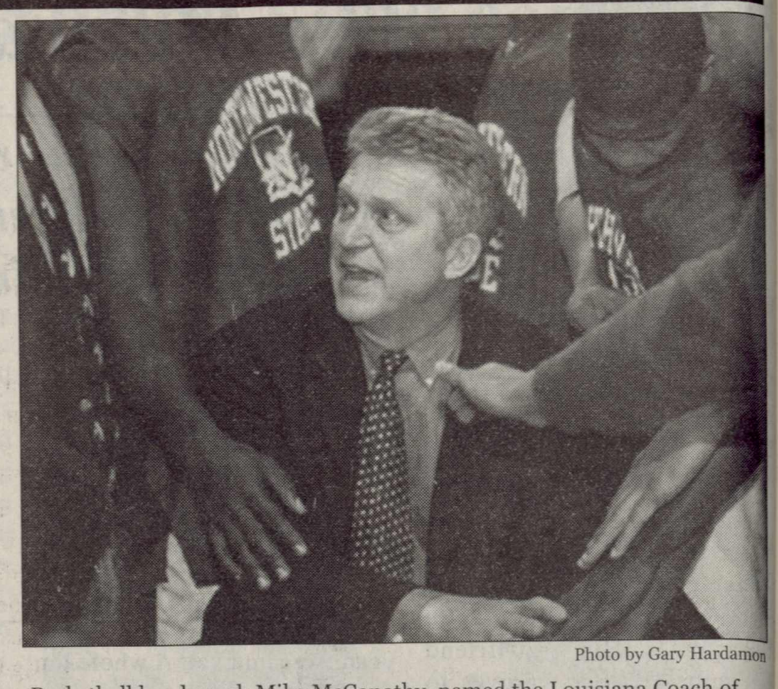


Photo by Gary Hardamon

Basketball head coach Mike McConathy, named the Louisiana Coach of the Year last weekend, has led the Demons to two consecutive winning seasons.



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Jordan Robison celebrates with teammates during the Demons' 16-3 romp over Texas Southern tuesday

Bombs over Brown-Stroud: Baseball blasts Texas Southern 16-3

By Kris Collinsworth
Sauce Reporter

Sophomore Steven Adams dished out an inside-the-park home run and Jordan Robison smashed a grand slam as Northwestern State trashed Texas Southern 16-3 in a non-conference baseball game at Brown-Stroud Field.

Robison's four RBI bomb brought his home run total to 10 and was a part of a 13-run onslaught in the fourth inning, which shortened the game to six innings due to a mercy rule. Adams began rounding third base on what looked like a double, but a fielding error by the centerfielder allowed Adams to round score.

The Demons stranded 11 other runners on base while batting through the order twice, a first this year. Northwestern State got eight strikeouts by starting pitcher Gary Adair (2-1), who spreaded five hits over six innings.

Northwestern (22-10) also got a solo homer from Mike Hathaway, a two-RBI triple from Tyler Durham. Texas Southern (18-18) used three pitchers and fueled its own destruction with four errors. The Tigers got a lead off a solo homer by Jason Roy and an RBI single by David Bell.

The Northwestern eruptions began clean with a leadoff walk for Hathaway and a bunt single by David Quattrociocchi. A pair of errors allowed Hathawy to score and Quattrociocchi scored on a bunt single by Jeramie Hale. Durham then hit a triple down the left field line. The Demons picked up two more runs on Robison groundout and another error before Adams had his inside-the-park homer to make it 10-2.

That forced Tiger starter Clint Yound (2-1) to sit and signal Kier McDonald from the bullpen. McDonald relinquished a leadoff homer to Hathaway, a single by Quattrociocchi and a pair of walks before Robison belt his grand slam to rocket the Demons to a 14-2 lead.

Adams added an RBI single in the sixth before Lee McCleon used a sacrifice fly to bring the final Demon home.

Sacked

Demon Football forfeits two games

Ineleiglble player gave " a significant tribute" to victories, officials said

Ed. note- The Current Sauce contacted officials in the Athletic Department and Southand conference as well as players. All refused comment.

Northwestern State will forfeit a pair of 2000 football wins over conference opponents Troy State and Nicholls State because an ineligible student-athlete "made a noticeable contribution" in those games, university and Southland Football League officials said Monday.

The decision was announced following a substantial review by the conference's Compliance Committee regarding the situation, which was initially discovered and reported to the conference by Northwestern's Office of Compliance in midseason last October.

Confidentiality laws prevent the university from identifying the student-athlete or providing additional information, other than to say he was not eligible under NCAA regulations, said Athletic Director Greg Burke.

As a result of the ruling by the conference committee, Northwestern forfeits a 24-21 win Oct. 7 over Troy State and a 27-21 victory Oct. 14 at Nicholls State.

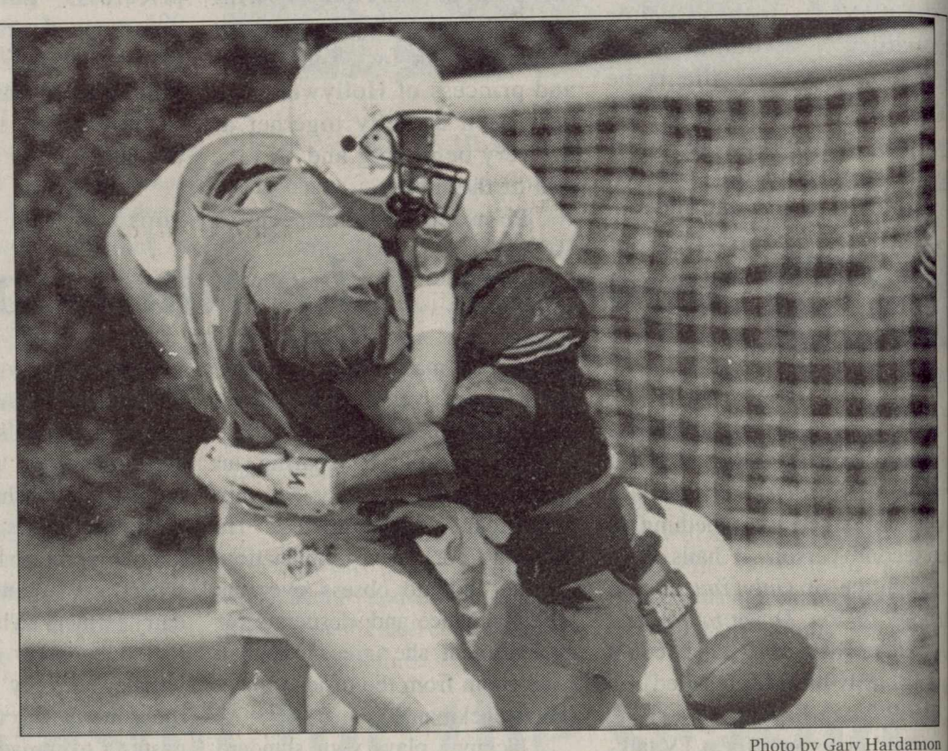


Photo by Gary Hardamon

Demon quarterback Ben Beach gets drilled in last week's scrimmage. None of the players on the Demon football team would comment about the forfeiture.



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Spring practices continue despite the findings of the Southland conference that a Demon player played while ineligible.

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Palomarez named conference hitter of the week

Southland Conference Hitter of the Week Erin Palomarez leads the Demon softball team to Lafayette to take on perennial powerhouse and nationally-ranked Louisiana-Lafayette.

After batting .556 and hitting a game-winning home run, Palomarez earned SLC Hitter of the Week honors. She went 5-for-9 from the plate with a 1.000 slugging percentage. She knocked in two of the Demons four runs last weekend against Southeastern Louisiana, while smacking a 2-2 pitch over the left centerfield fence that gave Northwestern a 2-1 victory over SLU in the final game of the three-game series.

The Demons are currently 12-50 all-time against the Lady Cajuns. NSU broke a 20-game losing streak from 1991-1997 to ULL in 1998 and are 3-8 against ULL since then. The two teams split a pair of doubleheaders in 1998 and the Demons took 1-of-4 in 1999. Last season, Louisiana-Lafayette swept four games from Northwestern.

The Demons return home for a three-game conference series with Nicholls State this weekend, starting with a doubleheader on Saturday beginning at 1:00 p.m. and concluding with a single game on Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

From the Sports Editor

Thursday, April 5, 2001



Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

Talking Points

- Thumbs up to Baseball Head Coach John Cohen for his part in preventing a near-brawl two weeks ago against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. When it became apparent that the Texas A&M-CC pitcher was deliberately trying to hit our batters, Cohen ran out on the field and pulled his players back before any punches could be thrown. Cooler heads then prevailed and the Demons came out with a win. They also didn't stoop to the level of the losers.

- The Demon Tennis team is having one of their best seasons since 1994. Right now, they're 7-11 but 6-5 in conference. If they keep this up, they could make the six-team conference tournament. We'll be watching.

- If I write "Dr. Granger Rules!" in my editorial, will that get me some bonus points on my Parliamentary Government test Friday?

Main Course

Lee Waskom, owner of Campus Corner, has lived most of his life here in Natchitoches.

He's an NSU graduate and a supporter of NSU sports.

He even buys ads in this newspaper.

He had no idea he nearly set off one of the biggest coup d'etats in Natchitoches since Chief Caddo split the family.

Waskom, trying to capitalize on a strong LSU alumni base here in N-Town, started selling his LSU supplies he had from his store in Shreveport here in Natchitoches. He put a link on the zNSUDemons website urging people to check out his LSU stuff.

But here's where he made his biggest mistake. On his billboard he put the phrase "We have LSU merchandise" on both sides...

...Across the street from Watson Library...

...which is on the NSU campus.

Waskom thought nothing of it. Fact is, it was a great move from a business stand point. LSU merchandise easily outsells NSU merchandise.

He could have made a pretty penny.

It wasn't a problem until the students saw it. They and other NSU fans saw it as a slap in the face. One student told me "how can Campus Corner overcharge us for books and then try to sell LSU stuff across the street from our campus?"

I was also told "I bet you won't see a Campus Corner in Baton Rouge selling NSU merchandise!"

This was a huge deal.

I decided to call Waskom on Tuesday to tell him about the student outrage over his merchandise. He couldn't believe it! It wasn't as if he was caught stealing from the employees or sabotaging his competitors.

He just wanted to sell a couple t-shirts!

The only problem was that NSU defines Natchitoches by some measure. You ask someone what's in Natchitoches and they'll probably say, in this order, Christmas Lights, meatpies, and NSU.

(Some people may put *Steel Magnolias* in between but you get the point.)

And despite recent attendance figures, there is still a very loyal Demon fanbase here.

And no matter how many LSU alumni decide to live here, Natchitoches will always be home to the Demons.

But Lee Waskom knows this. Like I said, he's one of those loyal NSU fans.

He just has to leave the Tiger Rags in Shreveport.

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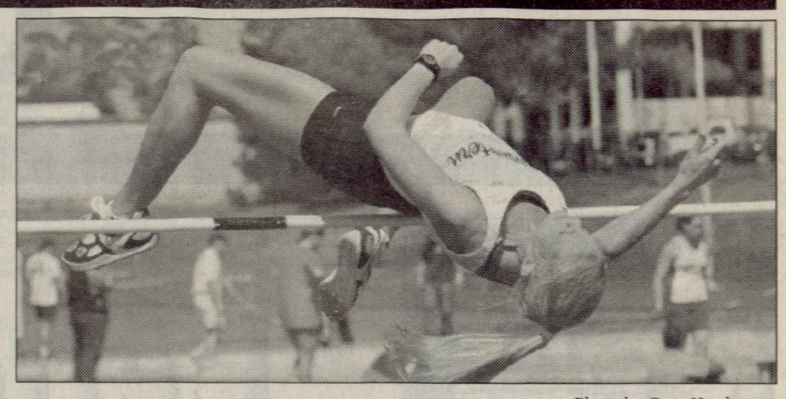


Photo by Gary Hardamon

High jumper Cristin Carter cleared the bar a 5 feet, 8 inches at last week's Ty Terrell Relays. The height was bested only by teammate Jackie Canton.

Lady Demons win six events at Ty Terrell Relays

The Demon track team won six of 13 women's events, sweeping the relays while setting two stadium and meet records, to highlight the 40th Annual Ty Terrell Relays at Lamar University on Saturday.

The meet, a tune-up for the NSU entries going into next weekend's Texas Relays, turned into a showcase for the Lady Demons, who got individual wins by Jacqueline Canton in the high jump, Stephanie Sowell in the long jump and Stephanie Harmon in the shot put.

All-American javelin thrower Latrell Frederick got the day off as the men picked up one win, from William Budro in the men's discuss. Also not competing for NSU were any of the football players who played significant roles as the Demons won the Southland Conference Indoor Championship last month.

Canton, a sophomore, and senior teammate Christin Carter each cleared 5-8 in the high jump, with Canton prevailing on fewer misses in the competition.

Sowell won by half a foot in the long jump with an 18-9 1/4 leap that was a foot back of her winning mark last week at Louisiana-Lafayette.

Harmon picked up her first collegiate victory with a 42-4 1/4 throw in the shot put, taking the event by almost a foot over Teri Byrd of McNeese.

Former softball star Linette Stuart had a personal best 139-7 for second in the women's javelin.

Budro threw the discuss 155-9 to win the men's division. Blake Hines gave the NSU men second in the 400 intermediate hurdles with a 54.74 time, one of four second-place finishes for the Demons.

Also taking second from NSU were Cedric Scott in the high jump (6-6) and long jump (22-8) and Tyson Dillard in the triple jump (50-11 1/2), where the Demons got third by David Williams (48-0 3/4) and fifth by Shannon Joshua

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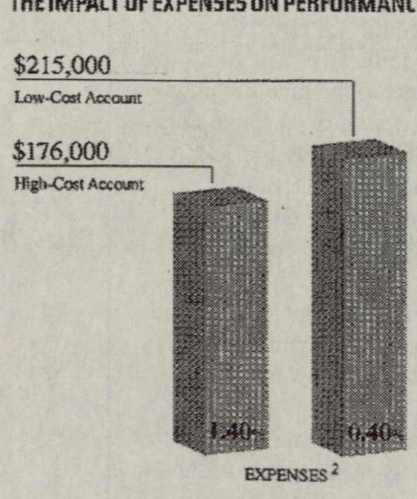
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I would like to thank those who have written in. Your support is appreciated. Furthermore, any work that may be of interest to the student body should by submitted.

Mary Freeman,
Opinions Editor

U.S. Constitution does not grant right to possess fire arms to every American citizen

Dear William F. Eilers,

I have to disagree again with your ideas. I must first warn you of a misconception of the Constitution due to an overall NRA misinformation campaign.

"The NRA basic defense argument is based on the Second Amendment."

In your letter you said that: "(...), the Constitution also grants the right to possess firearms". This is not true. Prior to coming here, I used to be in law school in Paris. Although I did not graduate from there, I learned many interesting stuff, like reading daily newspaper, reading correctly the constitution, reading civil law codes, and all other intellectual activities.

The NRA basic defense argument is based on the Second Amendment. They pretend that the Second Amendment grants the right to every American to have guns. The NRA is very proud of that statement because according to the hierarchy of law there are no laws that can be stronger than a constitution law (except for international laws, but in practice international laws seems to have smaller value than a constitution). The Second Amendment really states that: " A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed". What does that mean? According to the 1965 and 1990 decisions of the Supreme Court the "well organized militia" can only be considered today as the National Guard, and not as every American citizen. In other words, the second amendment never granted to every American the right to bear guns. That law is sometimes applied.

In the early 80's in Illinois, a town called Morton Grove passed a law that was banning guns from the town. The lousy gun activist brought the case to the Illinois Supreme Court invoking the second amendment. The Illinois Supreme Court stated that not only the town's law was legal, but also that citizen never actually had the right to have guns. The angry gun activist then tried to bring the case in front of the Supreme Court, but the Supreme Court rejected the appeal because they estimated that the Illinois Supreme Court was correct.

The NRA knows that its member are not the intellectual type and omits the first part of the second amendment on purpose so that the weak minded people believe it is right.

Unfortunately it works too well, because people buy guns. If the second amendment was applied people could not buy guns like today. Besides that the recent gun control law have too many points that are not taken care of, and that are dangerous security wise.

The main gun control law is called the Brady law. It was passed in 1993 under the Clinton Administration. The Brady law, in its main points, forces gun sellers to make a background check of every customer before purchase and keep their record, restricts the purchase of handguns to juveniles of age 18 or under, and prohibits the sell of assault guns.

"...the second amendment never granted to every American the right to bear guns."

The problem with that law is that there are some points that have not been covered.

The first problem is that it does not prevent private owner to sell guns. Private owner can sell guns to whoever they want without having to make a background check of their customers or keeping record of them. The criminals you refer to in your letter can buy guns from these people without being scared. Worse, the private owners that are in possession of an assault gun manufactured before 1994 are allowed to sell it.

Thanks to the NRA who defends the "right" of private collectors to sell their guns to whenever, wherever, and to whomever, criminals can equip themselves with assault guns in gun shows.

Do you remember David Koresh? According to the ATF, David Koresh and his cult were in position of at least 200 automatics or semi-automatics assault rifles. All of them were bought at gun shows. More recently, remember the Columbine affair. The two seventeen-year-old killers acquired two shotguns, an assault rifle, and a TEC-9 at a gun show. They shot 26 people killing 13 of them.

In your letter you said that "people also can do the same with knives, crossbows, gasoline and cars". I don't know, but if the two Columbine killers were able to get the same body count with knives, I think it would be in the government interest to hire them and to send them to Saddam Hussein. MacGyver can go home.

The second dangerous point of the Brady law is that Parents are prohibited to transfer guns to juveniles but are not responsible if their children stole their gun. This is how the Santee, California massacre happened. Laws enforcing parents keeping their guns away from children should be enforce.

When you own a gun, you should be responsible to anything that happened with it, including your child stealing it from you.

The Child Access Prevention law project should be taken seriously. There are two possible issues.

The first one will be to reinforce the laws, so that they are applied. I am sure with a reinforcement of the gun control law that the death toll due to gun will decrease or at least stop progressing.

The second option would be to follow the fake ideas of the NRA. The last case is pretty freaky. Imagine a world where all of the Steven Seagall movies are replaced by the Carebears, where Barney the movie would be R rated because the NRA blamed the media too much. Seriously, do you want to live an a country where you five-year- old daughter has to go to school wearing a nice bullet-proof vest?

Thanks to the NRA who defends the "right" of private collectors to sell their guns to whenever, wherever, and to whomever, criminals can equip themselves with assault guns in gun shows.

Sincerely,
Mathieu Feracci
Miracle Man From Paris

An invitation to Randall S. Fredrick to see MacBeth

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter as an invitation to you, and the NSU student body. The Louisiana College Theatre Department is curently in production of William Shakespeare's MacBeth. It is showing this week (April 5 - 8), Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. If you would like to go you can make reservations by calling (318) 487-7215.

I would also like to extend a special invitation to the individual that wrote the review of NSU's production of MacBeth that ended up on the front page of *The Current Sauce*. I am hoping that you will attend the show and be so kind as to write a review of that production, or maybe a comparison of the two productions. I can't imagine that someone so quick to voice his opinion once would not be inclined to do so again.

Anxiously Awaiting a Reply,
Lucas A. Comeaux
Sophomore



Check out *The Current Sauce's* website at currentsauce.com.

Students prove apathy with Stroke 9 concert

*Apathy-total lack of interest; indifference; laziness

Note to self: "If ever I become a famous musician, do not play in Natchitoches."

First, I would like to thank the SAB for bringing a band with the talent of Stroke 9 to Northwestern and to Natchitoches, especially on such short notice.

I attended the Stroke 9 concert that was sponsored by the Student Activities Board last Thursday and I must say that I was a bit disappointed. I think it was a good replacement to bring in after the difficulties they had with Better Than Ezra. The band has some songs that I like, and it was very entertaining to hear those performed live. Stroke 9 was a lively band and tried to get the crowd involved.

Now that I am mentioning the crowd, I must say I was agitated when I walked into Prather Coliseum, and noticed the lack of students that showed up to support the SAB and the band. I would say that there was maybe, and I'm REALLY stretching it to say this many, three hundred people at the concert at its biggest point...most people ended up leaving before the end.

Let me make this simple for you to illustrate my point, I'll even use numbers for you. There were maybe 300 out of approximately 9000 students. That is less than 4 percent of the population. One hundred percent of the student population paid to go, 3.3 percent actually attended. I know, I'm being redundant and repeating myself (yes, I know what I just did). The coliseum was resoundingly empty.

Students, this is a concert that you have already paid for. Every student with five or more hours pays the Student Activities Board $10 dollars per semester. From this money, the SAB sponsors events such as Coffee Houses, Homecoming Week, and most recently Spring Fling, which included the Stroke 9 concert. All that was required of you, the student, was to walk to the office of Student Activities on the second floor of the Student Union to pick up a ticket. By not attending the concert, you are giving your money to SAB, but not receiving anything from it.

The students owe it not only to themselves but also to the university to attend the concert if only for one song. Whether you listen to this type of music, it takes only a few minutes to show your school spirit by attending. Students should look at the concert as they do a football or baseball game; although, it probably wouldn't help judging by the attendance at these functions, unless our teams are playing LSU. We can't get ten percent of the pathe... I mean apathetic students to listen to a little music, have a little fun on the little money they already paid, even if its not what the people you think are cool think is cool. Of course, you always gotta keep it real.

The next thing I would like to address is the apparent maturity level of the attending students. Instead of applauding when the band played songs like "City Life", "Letters", "Angels", and "Tear Me In Two"; all good songs I must add, chants to the tune of "play the one song I know" were heard. Apparently this is referring to "Little Black Backpack", the band's most popular song. Does that mean that a song constantly played over and over on the radio is better than a song that is not?

Instead of criticizing why not sit back and enjoy the music, and possibly see if there are some songs that you do not know about that sound good.

The last act I would like to single out also has to deal with maturity. During one of the songs this one "cool" guy decided he was going to show how much of an ass he was by jumping on stage during the concert. I am sure the people he was with may have found it funny and who knows maybe he even got paid a dollar. He may even be excited that he is getting mentioned in the paper, but can I ask this, "Is it worth acting like a complete idiot?"

These types of "intelligent" people that I have mentioned are the exact group that comedian Eddie Ifft's "funny content" was intended for, and just another example of why selective admissions are becoming more and more necessary.

Completely disgusted by the apathy of my fellow students,
Gregory Comeaux
Freshman

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Marston speaks out about loan check scheme

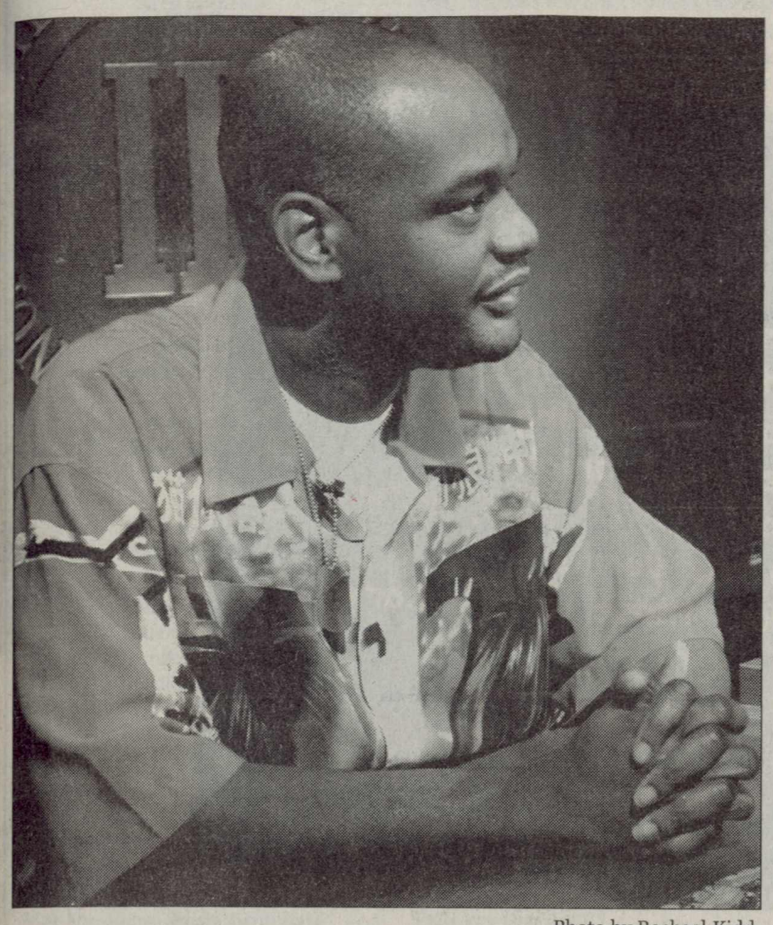


Photo by Rachael Kidd

Former African American Caucus President Alando Marston says he is planning to file a lawsuit against Northwestern State University for defamation of character. The lawsuit comes after Marston was charged with illegal possession of stolen things and six counts of forgery stemming from a missing loan check.

By Rondray Hill
Sauce Reporter

The student arrested in the case of a stolen loan check said he was a pawn in a loan check scheme set up by someone else.

Alando Marston said in an exclusive interview to *The Current Sauce* and NEWS22 that a financial aid employee gave him a student loan check and told him it was a donation to the African American Caucus. Marston was the President of the organization at that time.

"I think this person knowingly gave me this check," Marston said. "I think this person's plan was to use me and the AAC to cover up their misuse of the loan check."

He also said he is planning to file a $1.2 million defamation of character lawsuit against the University. This stems from the March 29 issue of *The Current Sauce*, where Marston alleges that University officials said he admitted involvement in the theft.

"I think this person knowingly gave me this check. I think this person's plan was to use me and the AAC to cover up their misuse of the loan check."

Alando Marston
About stolen loan check

Marston names some of the people involved, but those names have been withheld.

"I never admitted the theft to anyone. I never had a conversation with any of them," he said. "Tuesday morning was the first time I spoke with the officials."

Marston spoke publicly for the first time about the case. He was arrested and charged with illegal possession of stolen things and six counts of forgery.

Marston admitted to possessing the check but said the financial aid employee gave it to him as a donation to the AAC. Marston said he deposited the check into the AAC bank account and was called the next day by the employee. He said the employee told him there was a mistake with the check and asked for $930. He also said that the person sent someone else to pick up the money the next day.

Marston declined to give the name of the employee.

"Our secretary withdrew the money, but the person who gave us the check never showed up," Marston said. "The person sent another lady that they sent to pick up the money. The money was given to her to give to him, and that was the last we've seen or heard from the both of them."

Representatives from the financial aid department declined to comment, and no charges have been filed against any financial aid employees. The *Current Sauce* tried to contact some of the university officials named by Marston, but they were not available for comment either.

Marston believes the employee tried to cover up the theft by making him a scapegoat.

"If the person realized it was a mistake, then why did they only ask for $930 and not the full amount," he said. "If it was a mistake, why did that person send someone else for the money? Why didn't that person get it?"

Webb named finalist for SFA President

Northwestern State University President Randall J. Webb is a finalist for the presidency at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas.

Webb is one of five finalists for the position. The other finalists are: Jim Ferguson, vice president for administrative services at Auburn University; Joanne K. Glaser, executive vice president for institutional advancement at Towson University; Tito Guerrero III, president of the University of Southern Colorado; and Walter V. Wendler, vice chancellor for planning and system integration at Texas A&M University.

"On occasion, I have been nominated for vacancies in presidencies at other universities and chose not to be considered. My wife Brenda and I have deep feelings for Northwestern and have always sought to serve faithfully in a leadership role here," said Webb. "It is a tribute to the people of the Northwestern family, our faculty, staff, administrators, students, alumni and friends of the university that my name was placed in nomination in the first place."

The five candidates will visit the SFA campus beginning April 22. They will meet with students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni and community leaders. Stephen F. Austin's Board of Regents will interview each candidate and vote on the finalists May 8.

Webb has been president of Northwestern since July, 1996. Under his leadership, the percentage of nationally accredited academic programs has increased from 68 percent to 94 percent. The remaining eligible programs are expected to gain accreditation later this year.

During Webb's tenure, funding from federal, state and private grants has increased by 73 percent with more than $11 million in active grants being utilized. Contributions to the NSU Foundation for scholarships, endowed professorships and other programs have more than doubled.

Webb has implemented NSU's first enrollment management plan.

Last fall, the university had the largest enrollment in the institution's 117-year history as 9,292 students signed up for classes.

Northwestern has also taken a leadership role in the delivery of electronic classes. This semester, NSU is making more than 90 classes available via the Internet, compressed video and desktop video.

Northwestern provides 60 percent of the electronic classes offered by Louisiana institutions.

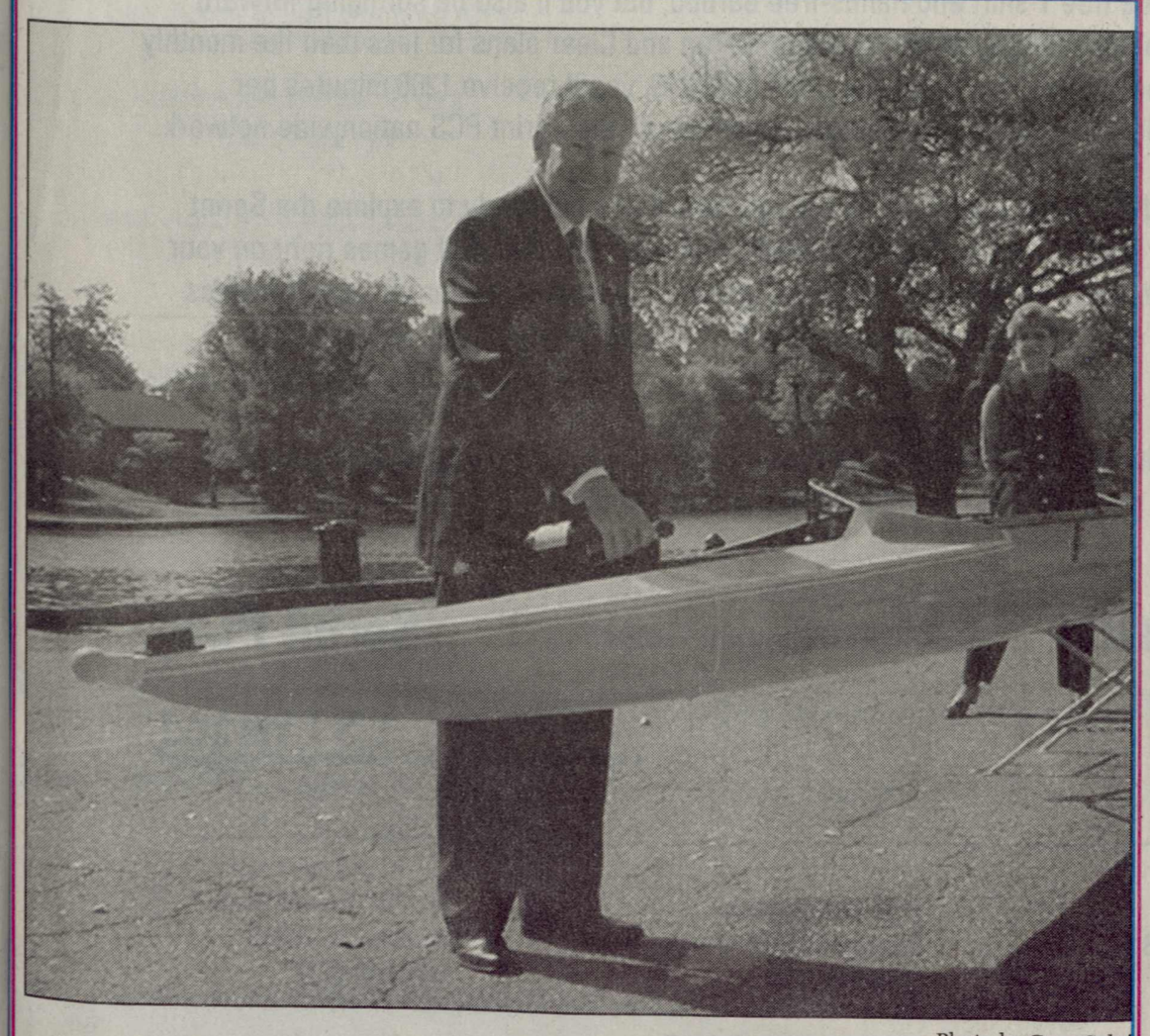


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The *Webb*

University President Randall J. Webb christened the University's crew team's newest racing shell on Tuesday. Webb was instrumental in getting the boat for the team. In Webb's honor the team is naming the boat after him.

Broussard/Matthews win presidency

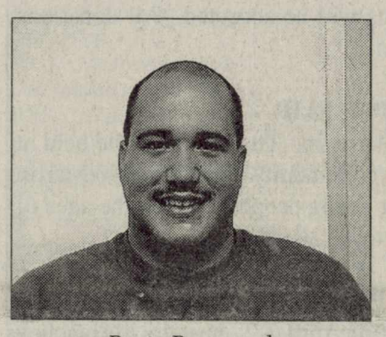
By Bess Renfrow
Sauce Reporter

The students have spoken and they have said that they want the leadership of Rusty Broussard and Dustin Matthews.

With a lead of sixty-eight votes over the Owens/Jackson ticket, Rusty Broussard and Dustin Matthews will serve as the new SGA President and Vice-President.

When the booths were finally shut down and the votes were counted, the total was 342 for Broussard and Matthews and 274 for Owens and Jackson.

Broussard has served on the SGA for three years and was vice-president last year. His focus in this campaign and in his new role as president will be student technologies. This is just a continuation of his service as vice-president.



Rusty Broussard



Dustin Matthews

Broussard worked along with David Gunn, last years president, to implement changes in the area of student technology.

"We believe that student technology is or will soon be a very important issue," Broussard said.

A member of the Louisiana's Scholars College, Broussard is a senior humanities and thought major.

Wallace's files for bankruptcy

By Raymond Williams
Sauce Reporter

The university bookstore's future is in question after the parent company recently filed bankruptcy.

On Feb. 28, Wallace's Bookstores Inc. and Wallace's Book Co. filed Chapter 11 petitions in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Wilmington, Del. Since then, the company's assets and contracts have gone up for bid according to the Lexington Herald-Leader, a newspaper in Kentucky.

However, at press time it was not known whether there was a successful bidder.

These recent events have caused some confusion about the future of the university's bookstore.

The manager of Wallace's bookstore on campus refused to comment, while officials from Wallace's head office were not available.

However, David West, director of the News Bureau, said, "The university is aware of a situation and we're monitoring it closely, but we really can't pursue any options until the situation has been resolved."

According to an Associated Press article, Wallace's Bookstore Inc., which was founded by former Kentucky Governor Wallace G. Wilkinson, operates 91 bookstores in 25 states. Three of those stores are located in Louisiana. In addition to the university's bookstore, Wallace's has stores on Nicholls State University and Southern University campuses.

Although a judge approved a bidding process for Wallace's assets, sale of the company has not been approved.

Still, the possible sale of the company has attracted the attention of some major companies in the college bookstore business.

Follet Corp., which operates bookstores on 625 campuses and Barnes and Noble, a $4.4 billion bookstore operating more than 350 campus bookstores both appeared at the bankruptcy hearing to announce their interests as bidders.

Extras needed for Croce film

By Casey Rae Hollimon
Sauce Reporter

Approximately 300 volunteers are being sought to serve as the audience for a concert re-enactment of Jim Croce's last performance at Northwestern State.

Famous for songs such as, "Bad, Bad, Leroy Brown," "Time in a Bottle," and "I'll Have to Say I Love You in a Song," Croce and his band were killed in a plane crash after a performance at NSU on Sept. 20, 1973.

Croce wrote and sang songs with a pop rock and easy-listening sound. According to *Rolling Stone* magazine, his first album, *You Don't Mess Around With Jim*, was a surprise commercial success and established Croce as one of the most popular singer/songwriters of the early 1970's. His second LP, *Life and Times*, reached number one and eventually went gold.

Croce died in a single-engine plane crash in Natchitoches while on a college tour promoting the album. He was 30 years old. Several of Croce's posthumous singles have reached the top ten.

According to a press release from One Man Productions, a documentary crew will be filming, *The Day the Music Lived,* a project that pays tribute to Croce's life and final concert in Natchitoches. The producers hope to air the finished product on national television.

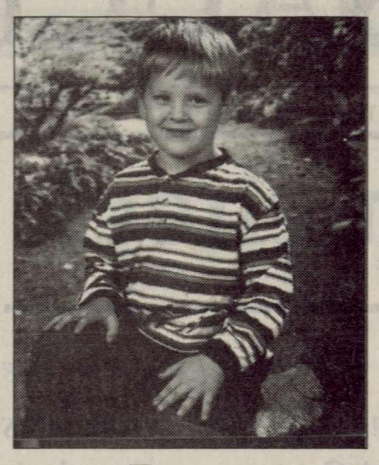
According to the release, volunteers who are over the age of 15 are needed on April 29 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Prather Coliseum. Extras should wear styles reflecting the early 1970's such as blue jeans and solid-color t-shirts.

The filming will take two to three hours and extras will be asked to sign release forms giving permission for their image to be used. A prominent local musician will portray Croce and perform six songs for the audience.

Volunteers will not be paid. Extras will be offered music and snacks, and will have an opportunity to be a part of the Croce concert tribute.

Brain tumor claims life of child

By Elona Boggs
Sauce Reporter



Foster

Nathan Foster, the 7-year-old son of theatre professors Chris and Sharon Foster, died on Monday, April 2, after suffering from an inoperable brain tumor called pontine glioma.

Nathan's struggle with the disease was featured in a front-page article that was published in *The Current Sauce* on February 8, 2001.

Tom Shorrock, assistant professor of theatre and friend of the Foster family, said that Nathan died in his home in Natchitoches. Shorrock said that he died with his parents, sister and brother at his side.

"It was peaceful," Shorrock said.

Shorrock said that Nathan's death has been difficult on the theatre department. He said Nathan was known and loved by students within and beyond the theatre department.

"It has been hard on faculty and students, he was part of a family here," Shorrock said.

Foster's funeral was held in Kentucky, where he was laid to rest in a family plot. Shorrock said that the Fosters are planning a memorial service in Natchitoches, but no specific date has been set.

A fund is being set up in Nathan's name at St. Judes, where he received numerous treatments. The fund is intended to help those with pontine glioma and provide further research on the conditions.

Campus Connections

DEMON FEST

A Demon Fest will be held on April 28 at 2 p.m. outside of the Prather Coliseum. There will be rap and rock groups from all over Louisiana. All activities are free, but donations will be accepted. All donations go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

YOUTH JOB FAIR

There will be a Youth Job Fair on April 26. The event will be held at the Martin Luther King Recreation Community Center on 660 Martin Luther King Dr. The fair will target young people between the ages of 14-21 and will last from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ART COMPETITION

There will be a student art competition April 2-27 upstairs in Hanchey Gallery.

SENIOR ART EXHIBIT

April 16-20 NSU presents a senior art exhibition downstairs of Hanchey Gallery.

TREASURE HUNT

Tri Sigma will be hosting a treasure hunt April 27-29. Tickets are $5.00 and go on sale April 9. Purchase tickets from any Tri Sigma member A valid NSU Id is required to win.

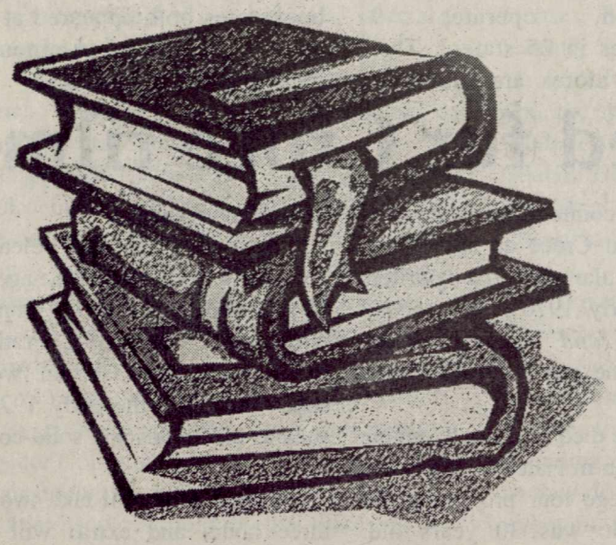
SPANISH CLUB

The Spanish Club meets every Wednesday at 3 p.m. in room 404 of Kyser Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

SPIRIT GROUP AUDITIONS

The Office of Admissions and Recruiting would like to announce the dates for spirit group auditions for the 2001-2002 year. Cheerleader and "Vic the Demon" tryouts are scheduled for April 21 through April 22. The Purple Pizzazz Pom Pon Line auditions will be April 28. Anyone interested in obtaining an application for spirit group auditions should contact Martha Hooper at 357-4503. Applications can be picked up at the Admissions Office in Roy Hall.

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SGA Minutes 4-16-01

I. Call to Order- 7:06 p.m.

The prayer was led by Brian Wilkinson.
The pledge was led by Frank Toro.

Roll Call

Present

Leanna Anderson
Chante Bellard
Buster Carlisle
Greg Comeaux
Matthew Comeaux
Stacie Cosby
Craig Coutee
Jessica Cramer
William Eilers
Dustin Floyd
Shaun Jackson
Dustin Matthews
Tara Newman
Jeremiah Newsom
Justin Owen
Shelly Smith
Frank Toro
Jennifer Whittington
Brian Wilkinson
Wayne Bush
Rusty Broussard
David Gunn

Absent

Vanessa Byrd- excused
Jonathon Chance
Will Hooper
Elizabeth Hughes
Jeremy Malmay
Shymika Stephenson
Glenn Ward

II. Executive Reports

Treasurer- Wayne Bush
I appreciate having the chance to serve as your treasurer. Legislation tonight is very important.

Vice President- Rusty Broussard
Breakfast with the President is tomorrow morning with the Louisiana Scholars College Forum.

President- David Gunn
The User Fee agreement was signed by myself and Dr. Webb on the Friday before the Easter Break. Let me take a moment to explain a few of the areas of the agreement.
Our presentation station will be delivered to the office tomorrow. Thank you to everyone who helped with the elections two weeks ago. Please attend the banquet next week. COSBP met last weekend in New Orleans, WE approved a drastically amended constitution that had been the result of a years worth of input. It should alleviate any confusion that the group may encounter in the future.
This is my last meeting as president, I want to thank all of you for the tremendous effort and hard work that you exhibited this year. This has been the most productive and successful senate that I have seen in my four years here at NSU. I have a few other remarks that I'm saving for the banquet, but for those of you in attendance tonight that will not be there next week, I want you guys to know how I feel.
I will still be on the board of supervisors until august. I want to share with you briefly two of the projects I hope to complete by then.
1. Student representation on the university search committees for positions of Dean or Higher.
2. A more clear and comprehensive guidelines for appropriate expenditures of the student technology fee.
I have to leave after my report to attend another meeting, but I want to request that Vanessa Byrd be nominated for senator of the year and commissioner of the year.
Emergency status on all legislation tonight.

III. Department Reports

Academic Affairs- Jessica Cramer
Educational Programming- Surveys have been completed. A total of 49 were handed back in. I know that is not a very big representation, but I think the results would have been the same if 400 had been turned back in . Results are as follows.
Pottery- 36, Break Baking-7, Sewing-5, Yoga-27, Tai Chi-14, Swing Dancing-24, Ballroom Dancing-25.
Distinguished Lecture Series- I'd like to thank Stacie for all her hard work. She's been wonderful about considering the budget we have for this program and she's come up with several viable options. For next semester we are considering Daniel Quinn, author of Ishmael. He is living in Houston and his representatives have said that if we give him a date and a dollar amount of what we could afford, he would love to come speak. We are also looking at Dr. Drew and Adam Corolla from MTV's Loveline. These speakers are well known and student turnout would be exceptional. More planning on this is needed, but the details will be worked out in time to have someone at the start of the Fall 2001 semester.
Teacher Evaluations- We've been working on this issue diligently all semester. There is a piece of legislation coming up tonight that would expediate this process so I would ask you to give it careful consideration. We have to send something solid to the faculty senate in order for them to even consider this to be an option.
Calendar Committee- This is making me crazy. I think I have finally come up with a proposal that the committee wont rip to shreds, along with my dignity, but who knows. It's enclosed in your folders. Please look over it carefully, I'd like your individual feedback. Again, presenting a unified voice as a governing body is import.
Scantron Giveaway- I'd like to thank everyone that worked with that this semester. You have been a tremendous help in a time during which I cannot be present. You've done a wonderful job. Publicity for this has been fantastic, indicated by the results of the program. To date this semester we have given Scantrons to 351 people. This program enables the SGA to do something small for the students and get our name out there in a big way. I've talked to several students and asked them about the program and they love it. They can come and get what they need on Mondays for their test all week and they really appreciate this program.
Scholarship and Grade Appeals- Getting someone to sit on these committees was a major project for the Academic Affairs. Having a student voice in areas of major student concern has enabled the sga to be the recipient of very positive feedback. No on e can understand student plight like fellow students and the results have been outstanding.
Lastly, I would like to thank everyone who served on the committee. We had some major obstacles to overcome this semester, but I think we have done well for the SGA and you should all congratulate yourselves for such hard work. Without your help, the challenges we faced as a committee would have been so much more to overcome. This has been a great semester. We've laid the groundwork for a lot of good things to come and hopefully, in the Fall we can all look forward to some very positive changes at this university.

External Affairs- Glenn Ward is not present.

Fiscal Affairs- Wayne Bush
We did not meet last week. Legislation is up tonight. Scholarship and Grade Appeals committees are very important.
Club Sports- Frank Toro- I need to meet with my committee after the meeting to set a time to meet tomorrow.
Fee Review- Greg Comeaux- Legislation is up tonight.
Organizational Grants- Matt Comeaux- This is the first time ever I will not be chairman of organizational grants.

Internal Affairs- Rusty Broussard for Vanessa Byrd
1) Be sure to sign the banquet sheet if you have not done so already. This is your last day to sign up.
2) Be sure to sign the election worker sheet if you are eligible. You must work 2 hours at the polls if you can.
3) Internal Affairs decided that the March Senator of the Month should be Matthew Comeaux. He is overly qualified. He has been a faithful member of the Senate for 4 years, so please vote for him.
4) Tonight you are going to be voting for New Senator of the Year (meaning that senator has only been an elected or appointed member of the Senate since Fall 2000), Senator of the Year (old or new), Commissioner of the Year, and Faculty/Staff Member of the Year. Voting will be explained when you get to new business.
5) There are three more amendments to the by-laws in new business.
6) Clean your folders out tonight and your boxes this week or everything will be thrown out for you.
7) Make sure that all the resolutions/bills you sponsored this semester have been signed and placed in David's box by Wednesday (23rd).
8) You are not required to complete office hours this week.
In regards to my Homecoming bill, I have submitted this bill because I feel that not representing the male population on campus is discriminatory. In conjunction with this, I have made an amendment concerning having awards noted on the election board so that people are not technically just voting for a pretty face. This bill is just the first step in getting men on the Homecoming court. I will work with Mr. Henry after this is passed to talk about actual procedures and steps in having men nominated and presented at the games. I have contacted every university in our state and of those that replied, all have men represented in some fashion on the Homecoming court. You may look at the information I received if you wish. Please vote for this bill.

Student Affairs- Justin Owen
This is my last report as commissioner of Student Affairs. We accomplished a lot this year. Traffic and Appeals meets next Monday, and Traffic and Safety meets next Tuesday. Congratulations to Rusty Broussard and Dustin Matthews.

SAB- Jeremiah Newsom for Will Hooper
There is a coffeehouse tonight.

Supreme Court- Niko Tesvich
We have a meeting Wednesday.

Advisor's Report- Luke Dowden for Mr. Henry
Mr. Henry is in Mississippi.

IV. Old Business

Brian Wilkinson moved to remove Shymika Stephenson from the Senate.
Matt Comeaux seconded.
Discussion followed.
The motion passed. 17-1-1

Shaun Jackson moved to approve Bill SP01-002.
Justin Owen seconded.
William Eilers read Bill SP01-002.
The motion passed. 19-0-0

Shaun Jackson moved to approve Bill SP01-003.
Justin Owen seconded.
Discussion followed.
Rusty Broussard read Vanessa Byrd's concerns about the bill.
The motion passed. 16-1-2

Shaun Jackson moved to approve Res SP01-006.
Dustin Floyd seconded.
Discussion followed.
The motion passed. 15-3-1

Tara Newman left the meeting.

Shaun Jackson moved to approve Res SP01-007.
Dustin Floyd seconded.
Discussion followed.
The motion passed. 10-7-1
Frank Toro moved hasty decision.
Jessica Cramer seconded.
Frank Toro moved to amend to take out the last sentence in the resolution.
Jessica Cramer seconded.
The motion passed. 16-0-2

Matthew Comeaux moved to approve the amended Bill.
Greg Comeaux seconded.
The motion passed. 17-0-1

Jeremiah Newsom moved to approve Res SP01-008.
Greg Comeaux seconded.
Jessica Cramer read the resolution.
Discussion followed.
Greg Comeaux moved to close discussion.
Dustin Matthews seconded.
The motion passed. 16-0-2
The original motion passed. 17-1-0

Shaun Jackson moved to approve SP01-009.
Dustin Floyd seconded.
Matthew moved for general consent.
Dustin Matthews seconded.
The motion passed- general consent.

V New Business

Shaun Jackson moved to approve Matthew Comeaux as March Senator of the Month.
Greg Comeaux seconded.
The motion passed- general consent.

Shaun moved to approve Bill SP01-004.
Brian Wilkinson seconded.
Discussion followed.
Jessica Cramer moved to amend the bill to say that the SAB find the AAC another office.
Buster Carlisle seconded.
Discussion followed.
William Eilers moved to table the bill.
No one seconded.
Frank Toro moved to suspend the rules and vote by secret ballot.
Buster Carlisle seconded.
The motion failed. 7-10-1
The amended motion passed. 11-7-1

Dustin Floyd moved to approve Res SP01-010
Buster Carlisle seconded.
William Eilers moved to amend to change smoking to tobacco products.
Dustin Floyd seconded.
Discussion followed.
William Eilers resends his motion.
The motion passed. 16-2-0

Shaun Jackson moved to approve the by-law amendments.
Justin Owen seconded.
The motion passed. 18-0-0

Jessica Cramer moved to recess for three minutes at 8:40 p.m.
Chante Bellard seconded.
The motion passed- general consent.
The meeting was called back to order at 8:43 p.m.

Rusty Broussard opened the floor for nominations of Speaker of the Senate.
Matthew Comeaux nominated Buster Carlisle.
Buster Carlisle accepted.
Stacie Cosby nominated Jessica Cramer.
Jessica Cramer accepted.
Craig Coutee nominated Dustin Floyd.
Dustin Floyd accepted.
Rusty Broussard closed the floor for nominations.
Dustin Floyd is the new Speaker of the Senate.

Rusty Broussard opened the floor for nominations of Commissioner of Academic Affairs.
Stacie Cosby nominated Jessica Cramer.
Jessica Cramer accepted.
Jessica Cramer wins by acclimation.

Rusty Broussard opened the floor for nominations of Commissioner of External Affairs.
Buster Carlisle nominated Greg Comeaux.
Greg Comeaux accepted.
Greg Comeaux wins by acclimation.

Rusty Broussard opened the floor for nominations of Commissioner of Student Affairs.
Matt Comeaux nominated Buster Carlisle.
Buster Carlisle accepted.
Buster Carlisle wins by acclimation.

Rusty Broussard opened the floor for nominations of Faculty/ Staff of the Year.
William Eilers nominated Dr. Brendan Martin.
Jessica Cramer nominated Luke Dowden.
Buster Carlisle nominated Dr. Alex Aichenger.
Matthew Comeaux nominated Mrs. Moore.
Craig Coutee nominated Dr. Richard Tarver.
Greg Comeaux nominated Mr. Henry.

VI. Announcements

Our banquet is next Monday at 7 p.m. in the Recreation Center Pavilion.

Frank Toro needs to meet with his committee briefly after the meeting.

Dustin Floyd thanked the senate.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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For more information contact Spanish Club President Kathleen Estime' at 352-6969.

Please lend a helping hand to those in need.

Opinions

SGA plans to take away minority office

A Letter to the Student Government Association

It was brought to my attention that the members of the Student Government Association that were present on Monday's meeting have passed a bill that has enabled them to remove the African American Caucus out of the Student Government Association office. I know that all the SGA officers did not support this decision, but for those whom did I ask the question, Why? If a Student Government Association officer can give me a reason for removing the African American Caucus office from the Student Government Association office, PLEASE DO SO.

I am upset at the actions of the Student Government Association officers for two reasons.

First of all, it does not state anywhere in Student Government Association constitution that they have the power to perform that action. If it is there, then it needs to be brought to our attention. With the removal of an office, there should be some disciplinary process before total removal. Have there been any disruptions? NO THERE HAS NOT! If there had been any disruption,then why haven't we been confronted with the issue? No one has contacted the President or the Advisor of any problems. Contacting the advisor, at least, of their proposal to remove the organization would have been wise.

Secondly, what reason could you possible give? If any Student Government Association officer is courageous enough to tell me, PLEASE DO SO! I know it is not because you don't think we are taking up space because we are not. African American Caucus provides more seminars, events, and activities than any other organization on this campus, excluding SAB. Yes, that's right, we do just as much if not more that the Student Activities Board, and guess what, we don't even have a budget.

Here is a list of our activities just for the Fall 2000-Spring 2001 school year. Now members please do not get upset with me if I forget some activities, you guys know we do so very much. Some of the activities we have executed have been: Fall 2000; The Dating Game, Lip Sync Contest, Brother/Sister Don't Give Up, Unity Day, Fashion Show for Breast Cancer, Homecoming Court Reception, Lease-a Lady/Rent-a-Gent, Open Forums, Voter Registration Drive, AAC Basketball Game vs. Alpha Phi Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta, Bake Sales and raffles, Pre-Paid Legal Services seminar, and the AAC Awards Banquet.
Spring 2001: PlayStation Tournament, Date Rape Seminar, AAC Basketball Game vs. Kappa Alpha Psi and Phi Beta Sigma, Let's Talk About Sex Seminar, What's Unity Got To Do With It seminar presented by Tamiko Griffin,Voter Registration Drive, Bake Sales, Black History Seminar, United Voices IV Black History, MusicFest 2001, Safe Sex Drive, African American Heritage Spring Scholarship Ball, and I definitely can't leave out all the weekly community service that we provide for the Boys and Girls club.

Did I mention we also have our own praise team called Anointed Perfections? I'm not trying to recruit for AAC, and I'm definitely not trying to brag, but what I am trying to do is make you realize that we work very hard, as hard as the Student Government Association itself.

Northwestern prides itself on student equality and makes decisions based on what is best for the University as a whole. African Americans make up over 30% of the enrollment here and an even higher percentage of the on-campus population. While all African Americans are not members of African American Caucus, African American Caucus represents all African Americans attending this University.

And for the Student Government Association to try take the one thing that this University has given us, an office to aid us in maximizing our student power, is definitely not in the best interest of this University.

Lawrence Anglin
President of African American Caucus

Letters on Gun Control

Force of tradition equal to force of law in U.S.

Dear Ms Freeman:

On April 5th you ran a letter on gun control by Messieur Mathieu Feracci, the "Miracle Man of Paris (France)" and an intellectual former law student. Please accept this as a response.

Messiur Feracci is correct that the Second Amendment has been interpreted to deal only with militias and National Guards. How does he, as an intellectual former law student, square this with the existence of many private armies in the United States? For example, on any given day The Wackenhut Corporation can field more armed persons than three U.S. Army Light Infantry Divisions. Private companies may be armed but not private citizens? As an intellectual former law student, I'm sure Mr. Ferraci is aware that that the first sentence of the Declaration of Independence and both the Constitutions of the US and the State of Louisiana vest the sovereign authority with the people of the United States and the State of Louisiana. The king should be disarmed? If Messieur Ferraci will closely examine the town of Morton Grove case he will see that the banning of firearms in the town was upheld on the basis that the people were sovereign and could reasonably regulate.

There is a force at least equal to international law and a constitution. It is the force of tradition. In Anglo-Saxon and Norman England only free men could possess a sword or spear. My cite is: Underwood, Richard "Anglo-Saxon Weapons and Warfare", Tempus, Strond Glouchestershire, 1999 p. 39. At the time of our Independence the "Black Codes" (both north and south) forbade slaves to own or possess firearms.

Since Messieur Ferraci is an intellectual former law student, I know he will have no problem finding those cites. In Anglo-America the possession of a weapon was a mark of a free man. It is to be expected that many Americans still feel that way.

Considering that there are at least one hundred million firearms in the country and no shortage of criminals, crazies and drugers, I believe the number of firearms deaths are relatively low. In most years less than deaths from vehicle accidents. In most years less than deaths from occupational accidents. Recently the Artic Rose sank in the Bering Sea with a loss of fifteen crewmen. Should the eating of crabs be banned? It would save lives, grief and trauma. Crabs are hardly an essential item.

By the way, I am not now nor have I ever been a card carrying member of the NRA. I do, however, come from Paris (Texas).

E. G. Mills
Senior

Constitution does protect ownership of guns

Dear Mathieu,

Thank you. I really need to thank you Mathieu because I had no idea that the NRA was passing these misconceptions to the constitution. I did not realize that when it says "the right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed" that does not necessarily mean that for all Americans.

Now on a more serious note, the constitution guaranteed everyone the right to say whatever they want, publish what they want, and worship where they pleased. The constitution does give the ability to possess reasonable firearms for their own personal use. It does protect our rights to own firearms, no matter how anyone chooses to interpret it, including yourself. I commend you on your research on the Supreme Court cases, but should tell you that those cases still did not make possessing guns illegal.

When speaking of the Supreme Court, I believe it is very important to remember that this same legal body that determined that black people were not of the same status as whites in 1896. While this has little relevance to the argument at hand, it just demonstrates the ability of any group to interpret laws and basic human rights differently.

While we could argue the constitutionality of the personal ownership of firearms or even our opinions of firearms but at the end of the day Americans will still sleep with guns in their homes and people will crime will continue. A wise man, framer of our constitution, once said that "if men were angels then laws would not be necessary" when envisioning the American future.

While I like firearms as a hobby and a right, I detest violent crime in its many forms. I do not support the use of firearms or any weapon for use in any act that may be considered criminal. I also do not support the use of gun shows for the propagation of criminal acts either. While I seriously doubt that you or your cohorts will ever understand, I hope that one day you, Mr. Feracci, will realize that guns do not commit crimes, people do.

Sincerely,
William Eilers
Class of 2004

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I would like to thank those who have written in. Your support is appreciated. Furthermore, any work that may be of interest to the student body should by submitted.

Mary Freeman,
Opinions Editor

Outraged at SGA proposal to take away office

I can hear the crack of the whip underneath the Southern sun, and my wrists are bruised with the irritation of injustice. Yes, I know I can be a little dramatic at times, but these are dramatic times. I, as the newly elected Vice President of the African American Caucus, am highly perturbed at certain members of the organization known as the Student Government Association. May I remind the students on this campus and those members of the SGA that this student-funded organization has a duty to serve the students in their best interests, not in the best interests of the SGA's officers and members.

Now, I am about to get real on all of you. It was hard enough for our organization to bounce back from the loan check incident that was the alleged illegal action of ONE PERSON! The entire Caucus should not be held accountable for the alleged actions of that ONE PERSON, especially when the Caucus had absolutely NO knowledge of the scandal until notified by the police. I've made mention of this because I believe this proposal to strip us from our office is related to those alleged actions. All of a sudden, we have to face certain members of the SGA who cowardly drew up a resolution to move our organization out of its current office. Not once did any of you come to us and say, "We are planning on using your office space for something else, but don't worry we'll try to find another office for your organization." See how simple that was. We have occupied that closet space of an office for approximately 4 years, from which literally hundreds of student activities have come. All of a sudden, a few SGA members decide they need the space. There is a flaw in this picture.

First, some SGA members complained that we weren't using the office enough, which was probably true in some cases. Now, you mean to tell me that we're using the office too much! Well, maybe the SGA needs to be moved to another office, because I am sure there is another N.S.U. organization, who actually does something, that could use the space. The SGA has a budget, with more money than I care to disclose, and it's apparent they want to charge the students more in Student Association Fees. Where's the logic in having more money to do less? I have your logic. The African American Caucus does more with less. We didn't have a budget in the first place, and after that ONE PERSON allegedly committed illegal acts, our funds were drastically depleted. Yet, this resilient organization picked itself up, dusted itself off, and marched forward like a platoon. I wisely choose "platoon" because, my friends and enemies, we are in a war. We're in a war against cowardly SGA members and officers who place their loyalty in the wrong places, and I am even bold enough to say that some faculty members don't really want to see the A.A.C. succeed either.

You may disagree, but I'm at the point where I really don't care. I'm not going to throw stones and try to hide my hands. My name is at the end of this article. See me with any intelligent comments, concerns, or criticisms. To all of the self-serving, deceitful, and conniving SGA members, listen up, because you certainly have enough money to pay attention. I'm not going to idly sit by while you use your power to push around us lil' folk. True, all members of the SGA may not agree with the decision to kick us out of our office, and I applaud those who came to our defense, but I'm not going to break out the trumpets for you either when it shouldn't have been anything to come to our defense over. Harsh? Yes. Sorry? No. Rusty, you have your work cut out for you, and only pray that the SGA can collectively realize we should be working together for the betterment of this university. But, the more my idealistic mind tries to believe this can be possible, the sounds of the whip grow louder and louder, and my bruises become more agonizingly painful.

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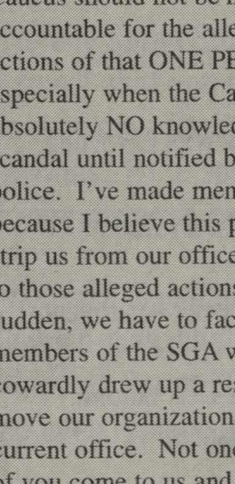
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LIFE

It's Your Life, Live it Well

Tara L. Gallien, M.Ed.
Guest LIFE Columnist

Question: Please explain the relationship between alcohol consumption and weight gain. -L

Answer: Before I can answer this question I need to explain a few things about nutrition. So here it goes... the three components of nutrition that provide the body with calories (energy) are carbohydrates, proteins, and fats. Carbohydrates and proteins have four calories per gram and fat has nine calories per gram. That's why eating too much fat causes weight gain so easily - you take in twice as many calories for every gram of fat consumed.

Carbohydrates, proteins, and fats are the only components of food that give us energy - not vitamins, minerals, and herbs like several products claim. The so-called energy you receive from those products are caused from stimulants (e.g., caffeine) that have been added.

Alcohol (I am referring to ethanol alcohol, which is the type of alcohol in alcoholic beverages) also has calories: seven per gram. However, alcohol is not considered a component of nutrition because the body does not need it to live. Because alcohol has almost twice the calories per gram as carbohydrate and protein, it is quite easy to accumulate a large number of calories quickly. For example, a 12 ounce beer has 150 calories and 1 1/2 ounces of whiskey, rum or vodka (80 proof) has 100 calories. Eventually, these excess calories may contribute to unwanted weigh gain.

Research indicates that over one third of college students binge drink. Binge drinking is defined as four or more drinks in a row for a female and five or more drinks in a row for a male. Students who binge drink or drink regularly may substitute alcohol for food and can consume nearly 50 percent of their calories from alcohol.

Alcohol has no nutritional value, except for providing energy when needed. In other words, alcohol does not contain any essential nutrients vital to maintaining a healthy and properly functioning body. Instead, excess calories from alcohol are easily converted and stored as fat. So, if you think that Iberville food is the only culprit to the "freshman 15", think again.

If you are going to drink, drink in moderation - no more than one drink a day for the average-sized woman, and no more than two drinks a day for the average-sized man. A drink is any alcoholic beverage that contains 1/2 ounce of pure ethanol alcohol (e.g., 4 - 5 ounces of wine, 12 ounces of beer, or 1 1/2 ounces of hard liquor). That's right! They all contain the same amount of alcohol (the stuff that makes you do the things you do).

Finally, in addition to the unwanted weight gain from drinking too much alcohol, excessive drinking can lead to many other problems (which can be even more detrimental to health), such as acute alcohol poisoning (drinking alcohol at a rate faster than your liver can break it down), DUI or even worse- kill someone or yourself, failing grades, violence, date rape, and possibly alcoholism. Keep this in mind and make wise choices about your health.

If you have any questions about this topic or would like to have one of your questions answered, please email me at *tarag@nsula.edu* There are only a couple of articles left before the semester ends, so please send in your questions. Have a great day.

Tara Gallien currently works for the NSU Human and Health Performance department and is also an instructor for the college. She has a M.A. in Health Promotion and was previously a personal trainer.

News 22 acquires new, more professional set

Mindy Mixon
LIFE Reporter



Photo by Gary Hardaman
News22's new set can "hold it's own against CNN or Fox News"

Northwestern's accredited journalism program has long topped the list as one of the most reputable in Louisiana and now broadcast majors have obtained a state of the art news set to go with it.

This week will be the first of many newscasts to air live from the new set, recently installed over Easter break.

Bought from Jack Marti from Foruney, Texas, for $24,000 the university acquired a set more than double the size of the previous. The previous set was first used in the spring of 1997.

"I think it makes our newscast look more professional."
-Rondray Hill, director

"Whereas the old set was made up of blues and grays, this set is a mixture of bright colors. The previous set tended to come across as cold and that's what we tried to get away from." said Roy Davis, consultant for the new set.

With a rich cherry wood desk complete with columns and bordered with aluminum chrome, the new set certainly looks inviting. The backdrop base consists of cinnamon tones with splashes of pink, orange, blue and green thrown in. New features such as a chroma key pullout wall, which is used for weather, and a combined news and interview set will provide for a more professional news set for NSU students.

"When this project started back in November, the consulting team visited KNTS in Natchitoches as well as Shreveport stations like KTBS and KSLA looking for an ideal set," said Davis. "After lots of changes and revisions, this is the final product."

"It went far above my expectations. Now NSU has a set that agrees with the praises of the students and staff." -Randall S. Frederick, production crewmember

The consensus around the department remains positive. Broadcast major Shelli Briery said, "I absolutely love the set; I actually felt weak in the knees when I saw it. I mean, it's amazing to know that you can practice on a set that could hold it's own against CNN or Fox News."

Rondray Hill, director of the newscasts said, "I think it makes our newscast look more professional. It reflects the hard work the staff puts into it."

Percy Sledge, nice guy, great singer

Rachael Kidd
Guest Music Reviewer



Leading off with the classic hit *When A Man Loves A Women*, Percy Sledge began the best concert of many in the Natchitoches area. Last Saturday night on the Natchitoches riverfront stage Sledge, although an hour late, had the some 15, 000 fans singing every word to every song he sang. Sledge, sporting a trimmer figure and a new wife, was able to deliver a concert with less air breaks and less interruptions form his many children that accompanied him last time on the Riverfront. Sledge appeared to be in perfect health; mentally and physically and his songs reflected it. Sledge belted out one hit after another. *Whiter Shade of Pale, Dark End of the Street, Out in Leftfield, and Sitting on the Dock of the Bay* (a classic Otis Redding hit) were some of the songs he sang.

Altogether Sledge sang approximately 15 songs, including a duet with his new wife.

The way to measure a good concert is by how much the artist and the band members sound like their records, with smooth vocal transitions and clear harmonizing music that has no apparent distortions in the original sound of the songs. Sledge scored, with his vocals as masterful as ever and all of the songs equally as clear as his records.

After the concert, Sledge's assistant announced that he would be signing autographs and selling CDs in front of the entrance to his bus. After waiting what seemed to be forever and resolving a squander with the local police who were trying to maintain the barricades and pretend they weren't equally as excited as everyone else to meet Sledge, the doors opened. Sledge shook hands with everyone he could reach before even sitting down.

Marilyn Chance, Sledges self-professed "biggest fan", explained to him over the shouting of the crowds how she had listened to his music during a lot of great times in her life. As she continued to chat with Sledge, he seemed happy to chat with her.

"Thank you very much. That's an inspiration", Sledge said with a huge smile to her praise. It was impressive how much time he spent talking to her and how friendly he remained the whole time.



Kismet latest musical at NSU

The Department of Creative and Performing Arts at Northwestern State University will soon be presenting the musical "Kismet"

Set in ancient Baghdad, "Kismet" unfolds from the perspective of a quick-witted and roguish poet, who assumes the identity of Hajj the beggar. Hajj's day is filled with adventure and by the time his day is over, he has seen his daughter Marsinah married to the handsome Caliph . He has also managed to drown the scheming Wazir and go off into the desert with Wazir's luscious wife Lalume.

Kismet will be presented April 24-27 at 7:30 p.m. in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium. Admission is free for NSU students.

Photo by Gary Hardaman
From left: James Palmer, Sabrina Plaisance, Colin Trahan, Jena Westbrook, Josh Olkowlski

Bridget Jones' Diary

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Mindy Mixon
Entertainment Review

For a film whose heroine obsesses over her weight, it's a shame that *Bridget Jones's Diary* should be such a slim affair.

In this age of the emaciated female star, Renee Zellweger displays real courage for someone in her thespian prime by parading thighs as fleshy as those that get mercilessly scrutinized by director Sharon Maguire's camera.

The accent will prove no obstacle to those in the United States. Britons may quibble, but in a class-conscious country, the accent means so much. It tells where you're from and what your background is. The fact that although her vowel sounds are accurately pitched, Zellweger never really seems British. Partly, that's to do with a lot of "face acting" (scrunched-up cheeks, a downturned mouth and the like) that a different, more seasoned director might have toned down. Zellweger hasn't quite managed to forsake the over-ingratiation so much used by American performers and so scorned by their British colleagues.

It's as if no one trusted the very real charm of the book, whose 32-year-old heroine is sure she'll die "fat and alone" only to end up with the dishy Mark Darcy (played by Colin Firth).

Zellweger projects eagerness in a most un-Bridgetlike way, in so far as this is a woman who imagines railway announcements blaring to all the state of her thighs.

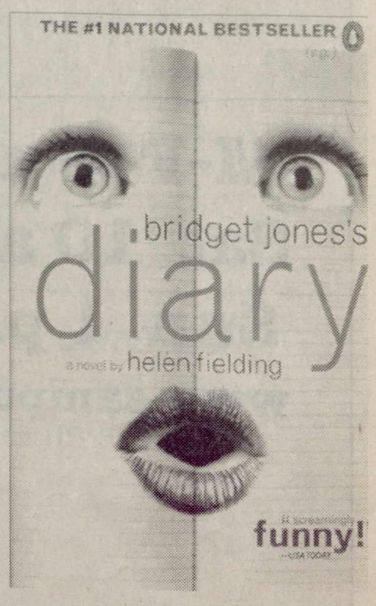
The aim, presumably, was to make *Bridget Jones* a lovable Brit-blockbuster on the order of *Four Weddings and a Funeral* and *Notting Hill*, with Hugh Grant once again as the co-star. But the new film isn't as well written or directed as the earlier ones, and it's silly and not a little bit crude where those previous movies were blithe and breezy.

Grant is in terrific form as Bridget's boss and sometime 0bedmate, Daniel Cleaver. He is first seen to the strains on the soundtrack of *Respect*, looking as if he is suppressing a burp, and he ends up battling the bottled-up Darcy for Bridget's affections.

No less crucial are the locations of a London where it seems forever to be snowing. So what if it the real London almost never sees the powdery stuff?

Bridget Jones's Diary isn't meant to be taken literally or even all that seriously. The film is like a dusting of snow that melts in the mind the minute it's over.

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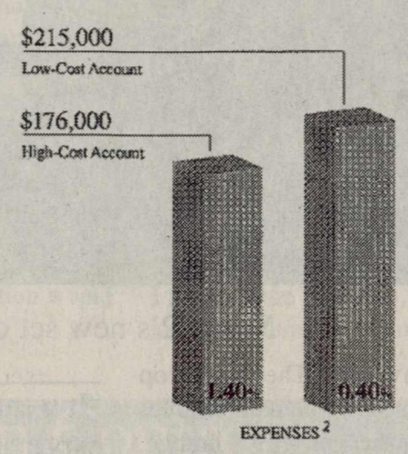
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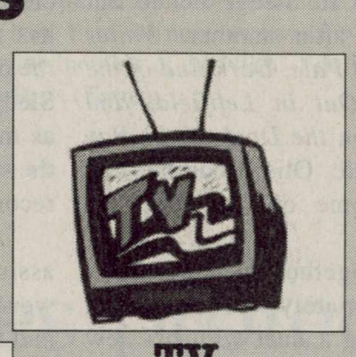
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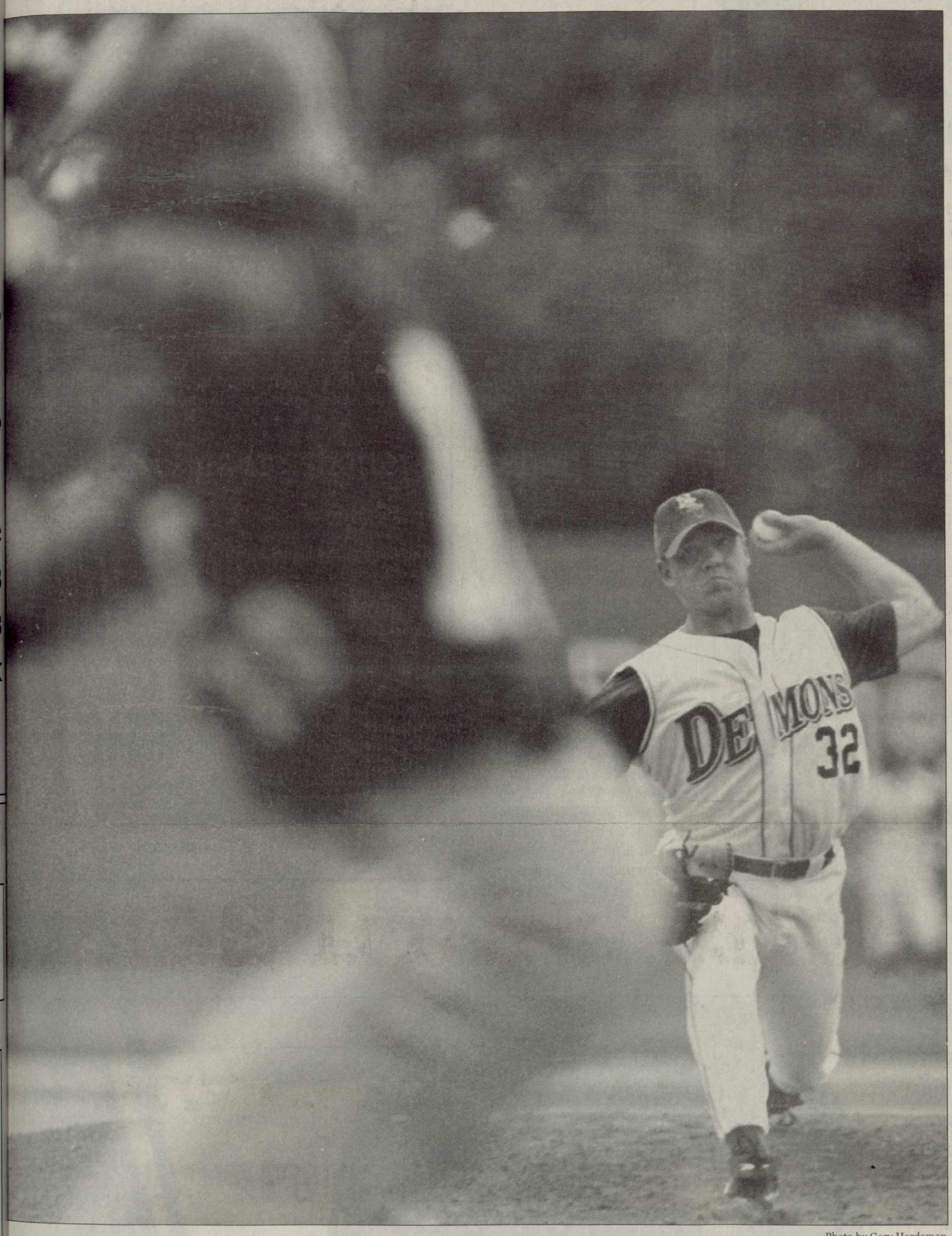


Photo by Gary Hardamon

The Demons survived a ninth-inning rally to hold off the LSU Tigers in front of the largest crowd ever at Brown-Stroud field. The Demons and Tigers split a home-and-home series, with the Tigers winning 9-7 Tuesday in Baton Rouge

Sanches pitches gem, Demons capitalize on LSU errors

By Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

The line score looks like this: seven errors, seven pitchers, 22 runners left on base and one hit batsman.

Pretty, it wasn't.

But the only stat in the box score that mattered to the Demon fans at Brown-Stroud field was this one

Demons, 10

Tigers, 8.

In actuality, the game was a combination of the good, the bad and the ugly. The good, Zach Sanches' 8 1/3 inning seven strikeout gem for the win. The bad, LSU's eight runs on 12 hits. The ugly, the before-mentioned seven combined errors and one hit batsman.

Sanches sparkled in relief of starter Aaron Darcy. Sanches settled down after Zeph Zinsman homer in the third and managed to keep the heavy-hitting Tigers in check to keep the Demons in the game.

"I was getting tired at the end," Sanches said. My elbow was getting tired out there but I just tried to bear down and get it done."

The Demons pounded eight hits of their own and manufactured runs thanks to timely rallies and LSU miscues.

The biggest rally came in the bottom of the eighth. The Demons led 8-6 but got two crucial insurance runs. Tyler Durham and Ed Linck scored on what should have been an inning-ending groundout turned two-base error.

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LSU Coach Bertman honored at pre-game reception

By Mindy Mixon
Sauce Reporter

Often called the finest coach in baseball history, LSU Head coach Skip Bertman spoke to an attentive audience yesterday at a banquet held in his honor.

Northwestern Head Coach John Cohen introduced Bertman while thanking his program for making the trip to play at Brown-Stroud.

"Them being here means a lot," Cohen said. "And they are not obligated but they do it because they believe in college baseball in Louisiana."

Bertman, who will become the LSu Athletic Director next season, has steered the LSU Tigers to five World Series championships, seven Southeastern Conference championships and six SEC Tournament titles.

The former six time National Coach of the Year began with some jabs at heated rival Mississippi State, then continued with the main gist of his speech – "Imagine yourself succeeding and you can not fail."

He never broached the subject of his upcoming retirement, but instead focused on living your dreams, no matter how high the odds.

"Our motto on the LSU baseball team is excellence both on and off the field," Bertman quips. "You must strive for excellence in everything that you do. And if you fall a little bit short, well you're still pretty good."

Focusing on negativity, refusing to follow your heart and fear of failure are what Bertman referred to as "dream busters." "One must reach down into the depths of their soul where character is born and break through the barriers that impede your goal."

Bertman thinks that his greatest accomplishment has been the legacy he's built at LSU

"After a lot of contemplation, my greatest memory is the legacy of improvement of baseball in Louisiana history. It wasn't always this way – we've come so far.

NSU-LSU game shatters baseball attendance records

By Cooda Dobin
Sauce Reporter

4,214 fans, the most ever for a non-football athletic event at NSU, poured into Brown Stroud field to see the highly anticipated rematch between the LSU Tigers and the NSU Demons.

Approaching the entrance to the game you almost expected to see a swarm of purple, but most of the LSU fans were clad in gold while the signature purple belonged to the Demons.

Purple hats and jackets were everywhere. And although the ratio of Demons fans to Tiger fans was undetermined, there were certainly a lot of LSU supporters cheering, applauding, and even screaming insults as the Tigers were leading.

Some of the more rowdy fans had to be escorted from the game by the University Police. But that didn't seem spoil the good times.

As contemporary seating became unavailable, fans sat on the ground or stood atop a nearby hill to get a glance at the game.

Demon supporter Matt Wheller laughs "I don't mind sitting on the ground but finding a parking space was a big problem. It seemed like I had to walk a mile to get here."

Cars were in fact lined up as far back as you could see in all directions. Some anxious fans decided to go ahead and make parking spaces where there weren't even suppose to be any.

Aramark served hot dogs and cokes among many other ball park favorites and pulled in an estimated $5000.

Demon fan Sandra Fields spending an evening out with family says "The food is great, the weather is great and we are all having a great time."



Photo by Gary Hardamon

The 4,214 fans who jammed the Stadium made history last night

Inside the Numbers
NSU vs LSU

4 The number of Demons consecutively walked in the second in which led to...

5 Demon runs in the bottom of the second.

8 The number of strikeouts Zach Sanches had in the game

7 The combined errors for both teams in the game

News and Notes

Demon softball splits with McNeese; holds 5th place in Southland conference

Erin Palomarez knocked in a pair of runs as the Northwestern State softball topped McNeese State 2-0 in the first game of a Southland Conference double header before falling 3-2 in the second game.

Palomarez, a sophomore from Tuscon, Ariz., was named the Southland Conference Hitter of the Week on Tuesday, the second time in three weeks she has earned the honor. She was also the Louisiana Sportswriters Association Player of the Week after breaking the school record for home runs in a game with three against Sam Houston State last weekend.



Photo by Gary Hardamon

The Demons are back at home this weekend.

The Demons (19-17, 9-10 SLC) remain in a tie for fifth place in the league with the Cowgirls (17-27, 9-10 SLC) as the Southland race heats up down the stretch. The all important third game of the series on Wednesday at noon will decide who takes sole control of fifth place with only two weeks left in the regular season.

A two-out bases loaded single by the Palomarez in the top of the third inning was all the offense the Demons would need in the first game. The Demon first baseman went 2-for-3 in the first game and 3-for-6 in the double header with both Northwestern RBI's in game one.

Freshman Crista Miller pitched her first complete game shutout of the season, scattering seven Cowgirl hits without a walk while striking out two. The Cowgirls had their biggest threat in the bottom of the fourth inning. With the bases loaded and only one out, Miller got McNeese right fielder Stephenie Denham to ground into an inning ending double play to end the scoring threat.

In the second game, Northwestern took a 2-1 lead into the bottom of the seventh inning, but with the scored tied at two with two outs, Cowgirl second baseman Missy Paul stole home after a ground out by Melissa Foster to give McNeese the 3-2 win.

Northwestern stranded runners on second and third in the second and sixth innings, finishing the game with a total of six runners left on base. The Demons took an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first as a Lindsey Leftwich single drove in leadoff batter Annie Johnston from second. Johnston had doubled to start the game. The Demons also got a run in the sixth, aided by two Cowgirl errors.

Sophomore Amanda Ortego got the loss in game two, allowing only one earned run on four hits while striking out four. The Northwestern career strikeout record holder, she needs just 55 more strikeouts to break the single season strikeout record.

Northwestern has to remain in one of the top six places to earn a bid to the Southland Conference Tournament the first weekend of May. Tied with McNeese, the Demons are currently three games out of fourth place and a game ahead of Texas-San Antonio in seventh place. NSU has won the SLC tournament championship in two of the last three years.

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"Hey, we try to score as many runs as possible, and if they score eight and we score ten, then we still win," said outfielder Jordan Robison. Robison went 1-for-3 at the plate, doubling to rightfield in the drive in two RBI's.

But the errors proved to be the difference for the the Demons.

"There were a lot of should-be outs that weren't outs for LSU," said head coach John Cohen. "If all the outs were made by both teams, then it's probably going to be a 4-3 score.

The 4,214 fans got to hear two journalists sing during the game. Before the game, LSU play-by-play announcer Jim Hawthorne sang the national Anthem and CBS sports announcer Tim Brando sang his version of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame during the seventh inning stretch."

From The Sports Editor

Thursday, April 19, 200



Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

Talking Points

-I'm not the only person on this campus who thinks "The Weakest Link" is garbage, am I? I didn't think so.

-Here we go, Palo! Erin Palomarez is having a week most softball players dream about,being the first Demon player to ever hit three homers in a game along with driving in six RBI's. She had a medieval 1.273 slugging percentage last week, and her bat is gonna be needed come conference tournament time.

Main Course

Say it ain't so, Dr. Webb!

Nah, he wouldn't dare do it…would he?

I'm not talking about raising tuition or getting rid of "Steak Night" at Vic's.

And no, he's not going to force students to actually use the bathrooms in Kyser.

No, it's far worse.

Dr. Webb is a finalist for the job of president of a university…

…in Texas

…at SFA

NO!!!

Not SFA! Anyplace but SFA.

There are some things that just shouldn't happen. Dogs and cats shouldn't play together; oil and water doesn't mix, and NSU graduates don't become presidents of SFA! There's no debating it, no possibilities and no excuses. I have put my foot down. It just won't happen, at least not under my watch.

Dr. Webb, I want you to pick up the phone and tell those people at SFA,"Thanks, but no thanks." I will not accept hearing you say, "Good things are happening every day at Stephen F. Austin!"

Think about it, Dr. Webb. If you were to become president of SFA, you'd be a Lumberjack! That just doesn't sound right, does it? You'd hang around SFA people. Lumberjack people! Disgusting. That's just gross.

Plus you'd have to hear that annoying buzz saw they play at all of their home football games. Anyone who's ever been to an SFA game knows what I'm talking about.

You'd have to hang around that dorky Lumberjack guy who hangs out with the cheerleaders. You've seen him. The guy who carries that axe that he'll never use. Yeah, that guy.

It sickens me just to think about it. What are they offerin you? Are they going to give yo 252 million dollars to be the president? Have they bought Mrs. Webb a new Mercedes? What is it?

If that's the case, I'd like t help. I'm giving five cents to s "Stop Dr. Webb from going to SFA" fund. Anyone who happe to see Dr. Webb, stop him and give him a nickel and tell him to go to SFA.

If it were any other university in the world, I woul be all for Dr. Webb trying to g it. But this is urgent; this is crucial; this is SFA we're talki about.

And somebody's got to do something about this.

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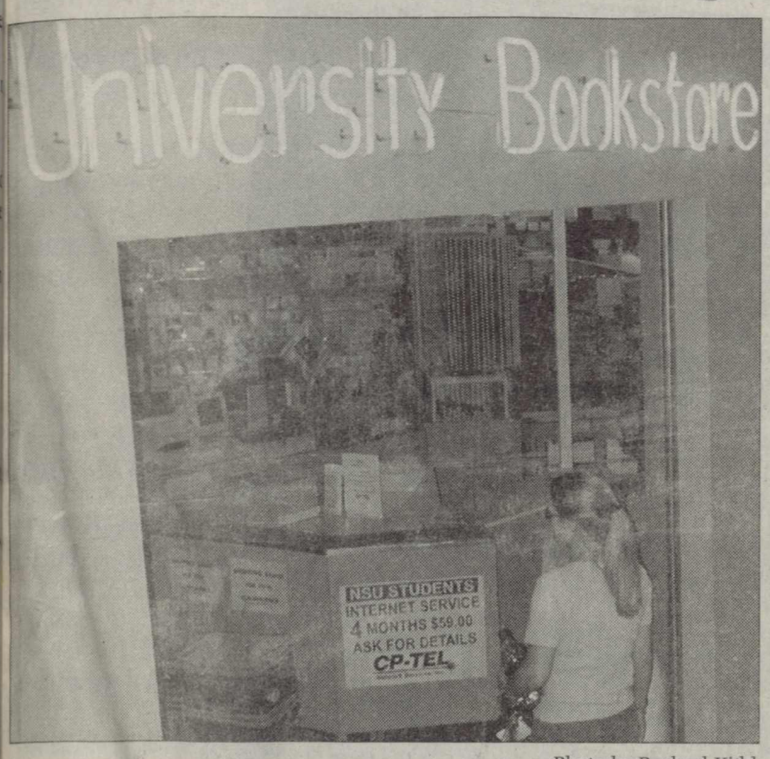


Photo by Rachael Kidd
The University Bookstore will become a Barnes and Noble in the coming weeks. This comes after the previous owner, Wallace's, filed for bankruptcy.

By Elona Boggs
Sauce Reporter

University Bookstore will become a Barnes & Noble in coming weeks.

This change is because Wallace's, the company who owns University Bookstore, has filed for bankruptcy. As a result, the majority of its stores are closing throughout the nation, including the store on campus, which has been at NSU for 15 years.

Dan Seymour, director of student affairs, said the university has been negotiating deals in the past three weeks with four bookstore companies: Barnes & Nobles, Follet, College of Bookstores of America and the Texas Book Company.

"The university can best be served by going into a contract or lease agreement with Barnes & Noble," Seymour said. "They are going to offer us the best dollars."

Seymour said that bookstore's space is a lease and is rented just like a residence hall room is rented. Barnes & Noble will rent the space, yet the university has the option to advise the company on usage. Seymour is unsure when the change will take place, however.

"Essentially what I think is going to happen is that one day its going to be Wallace's and when we come back the next day, it will be Barnes & Noble," Seymour said.

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> Director of student affairs
> About the University Bookstore

According to Seymour, buyback is the first critical issue. Barnes & Noble will be doing the buyback for the spring of 2001, instead of Wallace's.

Another big concern for students involves the availability of books for summer sessions. Seymour feels the bookstore has the resources to prevent this problem.

"We have a nice reserve for used books and a private bookstore off campus that can back us up," Seymour said.

The contract with Barnes & Noble will be a 3-year contract with two 1-year renewal options. Also under the new contract, current Wallace's workers will have the option of staying.

"Our primary goal was to avoid the interruption of services to students and it looks like we've done that," Seymour said.



File Photo
The 2000 NSU in Spain class in front of the Spanish Congress.

NSU in Spain set to take third trip

By Josh Beavers
Editor

University students are planning to take a trip to Spain this summer to earn college credit and gain a better understanding of a different culture as part of the Spanish sections NSU in Spain program.

This is the third trip to Spain the Spanish section is sponsoring. Last year nine students took part in a program that allowed participants to visit Madrid, Barcelona, Portugal, France and Valencia among others.

The program incorporates language and culture into one six week period all over the country of Spain. In Madrid, students will take classes at the language school, Escuela Internacional Sampere. This is where the students will earn college credit, up to six hours in the University Spanish section.

"My experience at Sampere was wonderful," Senior Taryn Toms said. "I learned so much there. The professors were wonderful and the chance to learn Spanish with other students from all over the world was awesome."

Students also have the opportunity to visit museums, palaces, monasteries and other areas of interest in the country.

"This is a great way to experience the culture of Spain with other students from around the world," NSU graduate Ozel Hunter said. "I learned so much about a country I never knew existed."

Students can also visit the city of Barcelona where guided tours are offered of the city and the beach.

"I really loved Barcelona," Senior Justin Hicks said. "We spent four days and three nights there last year."

Toms feels the best feature of the trip is the ability to gain a better understanding of the Spanish language.

"Being submerged in the language and living in Spain was the best way to learn," she said. "I learned as much in six weeks as I had since beginning my Spanish studies."

For more information on the program contact Spanish Section Head Comfort Pratt-Panford at 357-5590.

AAC president: "We had nothing to do with the loan check"

By Rondray Hill
Sauce Reporter

The President of the African American Caucus believes the story Alando Marston told in last week's *Current Sauce* is a lie, and says he's upset with Marston for "trying to use the AAC as a front."

Lawrence Anglin said Marston's story of alleged university involvement in the theft of a student loan check is full of hole. He also said that Marston knowingly took the check to use for his own personal gain.

"That check wasn't received as a donation," Anglin said. "None of the money that was taken from that check was used in the AAC. We didn't find out about this money being deposited in our account until the police notified us."

Marston said that he was given the check by a financial aid employee as a donation to the AAC. After he deposited the money into the AAC account, Marston said the employee asked for the money back and sent someone else to pick it up.

Marston believes he was used as a pawn by this employee in a money laundering scheme. Anglin, as well as many members of the AAC, think this is not true.

"What president of an organization receives a donation and doesn't tell any of its members," Anglin said. "I don't believe anyone would accept a loan check as a donation."

University police still has Marston booked on six counts of forgery and possession of stolen items. Marston would not talk about the six counts of forgery.

Marston also said he has a $1.2 million dollar defamation of character suit against members of the university. There is still no record of this suit in any court.

"He's using our organization as a scapegoat," Anglin said. "First he used AAC to help him in wrongdoing, then he used the organization as if we were on his side."

Anglin said he wants the student body to vindicate the AAC, and he said he wants no one to think the AAC had a part in the scheme.

"Whether he actually stole the check or not, I'm really not concerned with," Anglin said. "I just want to clarify that the AAC had nothing to do with it.

A schedule of finals can be found on page 3 of this week's issue of *The Current Sauce*.

Media board appoints editors for student publications

By Mindy Mixon
Sauce Reporter

Out with the old and in with the new. That's a way of life in the Student Media Department at Northwestern.

The new editor-in-chief of the Current Sauce is senior Rondray Hill. After officially having the honor bestowed on him by the Media Board, Hill says he was thrilled.

"It's pretty empowering to be in charge of an entire newspaper," said Hill. "I enjoy all the work associated with print - laying the paper out and the writing."

Hill declares he won't be making any big changes to the paper, a credit to former big boss Josh Beavers.

"The only change I'll make will be on some of the designing aspects of the paper," said Hill. "I'll also try to organize an editorial board to generate more opinions from students."

The rest of the newspaper staff will stay the same with Kaleb Breaux as news editor, Randall Scott Frederick as arts and entertainment editor and Elona Boggs as sports editor. Opinions page lacks an editor as of yet but Hill explains he plans "to work someone into the job" throughout the course of the year.

Advisor to the student newspaper, Neil Ralston, supports the new staff quoting, "Rondray will do an excellent job with the paper. He has quite a bit of experience and he knows the amount of effort it takes to produce a paper."

Newly appointed editor of Potpourri is junior Josh Green. Green's staff includes Joe Rawley as associate editor, Randall Scott Frederick as assistant editor, Mindy Mixon as assignments editor and chief writer and Kaleb Breaux as assignments editor.

Green's excitement regarding the upcoming school year shone through during the interview.

"It's awesome - not many students get to aid in producing a 300 page book in college," Green said.

Green plans to conduct surveys over the summer to "get a feel of the campus and students" before producing the yearbook.

Northwestern's radio station, KNWD will be run under the leadership of general manager Raymond Williams for the second consecutive year. Due to travel arrangements, Williams was unavailable for comment.

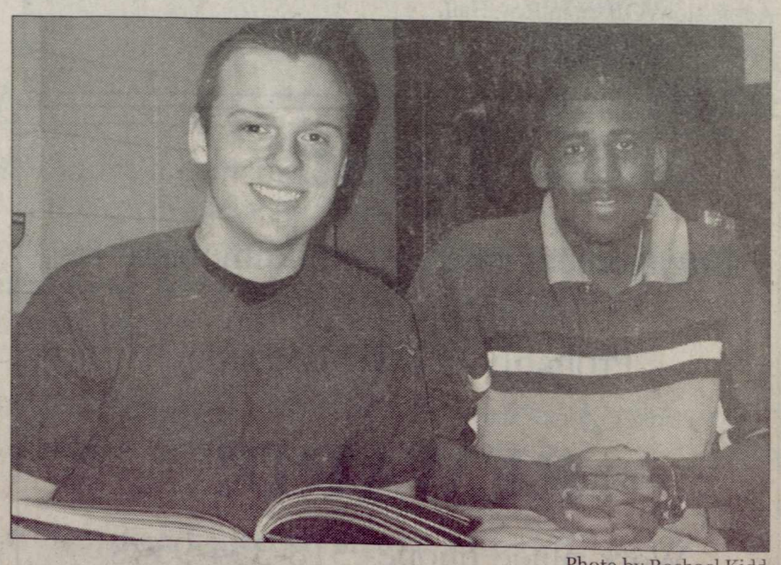


Photo by Rachael Kidd
Josh Green (left) and Rondray Hill (right) were appointed Tuesday by the media board to be editors of the two major student publications. Green will be editor of *The Potpourri* and Hill will be editor of *The Current Sauce*.

Campus Connections

PIANO BASH

A piano bash will be held at the stage on the side of A.A. Fredericks Auditorium from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on April 26. There will be a $1 charge for 3 swings with a hammer, a $2 charge for 3 swings with a baseball bat, and a $3 charge for 3 swings with a crowbar. Safety equipment will be supplied.

DEMON FEST

A Demon Fest will be held on April 28 at 2 p.m. outside of the Prather Coliseum. There will be rap and rock groups from all over Louisiana. All activities are free, but donations will be accepted. All donations go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

YOUTH JOB FAIR

There will be a Youth Job Fair on April 26. The event will be held at the Martin Luther King Recreation Community Center on 660 Martin Luther King Dr. The fair will target young people between the ages of 14-21 and will last from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ART COMPETITION

There will be a student art competition April 2-27 upstairs in Hanchey Gallery.

TREASURE HUNT

Tri Sigma will be hosting a treasure hunt April 27-29. Tickets are $5.00 and go on sale April 9. Purchase tickets from any Tri Sigma member A valid NSU Id is required to win.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

The SGA offers free scantrons to students every Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 222 of the Student Union. You will need a student I.D. to take advantage. Also, the students may stop by the Book Swap Board to look for books they may need for a cheaper rate. Vote for SGA President, Vice-President and Senators-at-Large; SAB Representatives-at-Large in the Student Union on April 4 & 5 from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

College Democrats conduct informational meetings every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union.

COLLEGE REPUBLICANS

College Republicans meet every Wednesday at 5 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union.

STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE

Meetings are held every Wednesday at noon in room 224 of Russell Hall. All majors welcome.

CATHOLIC STUDENT ORGANIZATION

The CSO would like to invite all students to join the CSO for fun, fellowship, and a free meal every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church (located on Second Street). You do not have to be Catholic to join in on the fun; every student is welcome. There is also a student Mass held every Sunday at 9:30 p.m. For more information call Amy Dowden at 352-2615.

NSU CLUB SOCCER

NSU Club Soccer is open to anyone who wants to play soccer on a collegiate level. The NSU Club Soccer team meets everyday behind Watson Library from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information contact Cesar Isgitt at 354-6483.

BIBLE STUDY

There will be an interdenominational Bible Study held each Tuesday night at 8:45 p.m. in Room 100 of Morrison Hall.

CHI ALPHA

We invite you to come and worship with us each Thursday night in the Student Union lounge for "Thursday Night Live" at 7 p.m.

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Native American Student Association will be meeting on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Thursdays at 6 p.m. All students are welcome to attend.

SPANISH CLUB

The Spanish Club meets every Wednesday at 3 p.m. in room 404 of Kyser Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

NSU's Office of Financial Aid will be hosting a Financial Aid Night, Wednesday, March 21, at 6 p.m. in the President's Room of the Student Union. Loan officers and Financial Aid officials will be on hand to answer questions concerning Financial Aid, help students renew 2001-2002 FASFA's and help students complete Financial Aid data forms. Please note, those students requiring assistance completing 2001-2002 FASFA's must bring your or your parents' tax returns.

SPIRIT GROUP AUDITIONS

The Office of Admissions and Recruiting would like to announce the dates for spirit group auditions for the 2001-2002 year. The Purple Pizzazz Pom Pon Line auditions will be April 28. Anyone interested in obtaining an application for spirit group auditions should contact Martha Hooper at 357-4503. Applications can be picked up at the Admissions Office in Roy Hall.

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Final Schedule

FINAL DAY OF CLASSES: Friday, April 27, 2001

FINAL EXAMINATIONS BEGIN: 5:30 PM, Friday April 27, 2001
FINAL EXAMINATIONS END: 1:30 PM, Friday, May 4, 2001

GRADES DUE FOR CANDIDATES: Friday, April 27, 2001 (4:00 PM)

ALL GRADES DUE: Monday, May 7, 2001 (Noon)

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SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2001
Saturday Classes (arrange with instructors)

MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2001
8:00 - 10:30 AM All sections of ENGL 0910, 0920, 1010, 1020
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11:00 - 1:30 10:00 MWF and MW Classes
2:00 - 4:30 PM 12:00 MWF and MW Classes
5:30 - 8:00 PM 4:00 MWF and MW Classes
Monday night classes

TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2001
8:00 - 10:30 AM 8:00 TR Classes
11:00 - 1:30 9:30 TR Classes
2:00 - 4:30 PM All sections of MATH 0910, 0920, 1020, 1060
5:30 - 8:00 PM 3:30 TR Classes
Tuesday night classes

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2001
8:00 - 10:30 AM 9:00 MWF and MW Classes
11:00 - 1:30 11:00 MWF and MW Classes
2:00 - 4:30 PM 1:00 MWF and MW Classes
5:30 - 8:00 PM 3:00 MWF and MW Classes
Wednesday night classes

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2001
8:00 - 10:30 AM 11:00 TR Classes
11:00 - 1:30 12:30 TR Classes
2:00 - 4:30 PM 2:00 TR Classes
5:30 - 8:00 PM Thursday night classes

FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2001
8:00 - 10:30 AM 8:00 MWF and MW Classes
11:00 - 1:30 2:00 MWF and MW Classes

Students to see an increase in dorm costs

Northwestern State University will increase rates for residence halls and food service this fall.

The rate for double rooms in residence halls will increase from $800 per semester to $875 per semester. Single rooms will increase from $1,200 to $1,300 per semester.

"The increases for the residence halls is due mainly to our increased costs for utilities," NSU Director of Student Services Frances Conine said. "As everyone knows, natural gas and electricity prices have gone up tremendously in recent months. In addition, rising costs for maintenance and supplies are causing a strain on our budget. We did not intend to increase our rates for residence halls for the fall, but the dramatic rise in utility costs made such a move necessary."

Rates for Married Student Housing will also increase. The costs for one bedroom apartments will go from $225 to $245 a month. Two bedroom apartments will increase from $250 per month to $275 per month.

All board meal plans will go up by $30 per semester. Other meal plans will remain the same.

Conine said even with the increases Northwestern's residence hall costs were below the average of peer institutions in the region while food service costs are "substantially below" that of similar institutions.

Smith to speak at commencement

State Rep. Jane Smith of Bossier City will be the speaker at Northwestern State University's spring commencement exercises May 4 in Prather Coliseum.

Smith will speak to graduates from the Colleges of Education, Nursing, Liberal Arts and the Graduate School at 10 a.m. in Prather Coliseum.

She will address graduates from the General College, Louisiana Scholars' College, the College of Science and Technology and the College of Business at 3 p.m.

A Northwestern graduate, Smith represents District 8 in the Louisiana House of Representatives. She was elected to her current term without opposition.

In 1995, she was selected as the first woman Superintendent of Bossier Parish Schools. Previously, she had been appointed the first woman high school principal in Bossier Parish.

Smith was named to NSU's Hall of Distinguished Educators last year in honor of her work on behalf of public education in Louisiana.



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Semester ends; Kyser Hall gets new doors

The doors on the east side entrance of Kyser Hall have been replaced. The Cane River Glass Company is installed the doors. The locks on the old doors were not functioning correctly. University officials felt that it was cheaper just to replace the two doors. The new doors are now in operation.

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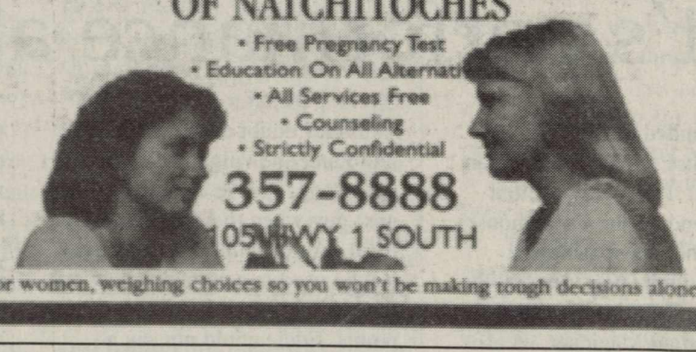
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The Spanish Club needs your help!!!

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For more information contact Spanish Club President Kathleen Estime' at 352-6969.

Please lend a helping hand to those in need.

Opinions

SGA sites circumstances and reasons of the removal of African-American Caucus office space

I am truly troubled that my final editorial submission as SGA president has to do with defending this organization's recent record to the African-American Caucus. This is because over the past two years, if any organization on campus has benefited form the SGA's assistance both through money and influence, it is the African American Caucus.

One little fact that Mr. Anglin and Mr. Addison failed to mention in addressing the relation of our budget, (which is subsidized with student association fees), to that of the AAC, (which is apparently subsidized by a stolen financial aid check), is that the SGA has allocated approximately $5,000 of our own general operating budget to the AAC over the past two years. That's a figure that doesn't include funds allocated from the organizational grants budget, which are meant to assist student organizations.

Also, the SGA has been instrumental in pressuring the University administration to establish a department for Cultural Diversity in the student affairs division, as well as helping to secure for the first time ever funds for the relation of an annual minority affairs budget.

But Mr. Anglin and Mr. Addison don't want to address these facts, because in doing so, their ability and desire to incite students against the very group that is given the charge to represent ALL students on Northwestern's campus, not just those from one continental origin, would be compromised.

I did meet with you Mr. Anglin, and I did give you several reasons for why the legislation was passed, apparently that was after your letter had been submitted. So please indulge me while I do it again publicly, to set the record straight.

The reasoning for the removal of the AAC from the SGA office had nothing to do with alleged criminal activity involving a past president of the AAC. Nor did it have anything to do with the productivity of the AAC. I'll be the first to agree that the AAC has ben very functional, productive and beneficial to the NSU students who attend their workshops, seminars and other assorted functions.

Also, some false allusions were made towards "disruptions" and "disciplinary" actions. I think we are in agreement that there have been no disruptions or disciplinary grievances, and therefore, this would have nothing to do with the AAC's removal.

But to set the record straight, as I did in our meeting, I will give you the reasons cited by the senators who were in favor of the bill. The AAC was given an office space in 1997 by SGA president Alicia Thomas. This was an apparent executive order. What makes this action noteworthy is the fact that the SGA constitution does not allow for the kind of executive decision that Ms. Thomas made, which raised questions about the occupation of that area in the first place.

Secondly, there are approximately 87 other currently recognized student organizations on campus that are of the same standing as the AAC, not one of them has an office space. If any single one of them were to ask the SGA for the same kind of resources offered to the AAC and were denied, they would have a very solid case for a civil action (lawsuit) against the SGA and/or the University.

Also, when the AAC was offered an office space in 1997, the SGA had an excess amount of office space, and some rooms were not being used. Since then, three of our offices have been removed because of ongoing renovations and the SGA Treasurer and Speaker of the Senate are without the necessary work and storage area. These were the factors that led to the legislation being authored.

The word "legislation" reminds me of the final point that I wanted to make. In both letters that were submitted last week, Mr. Anglin and Mr. Addison cited that they were upset with officers executives of the SGA. A simple high school civics lesson will point out that the legislative body, or senate in this case, writes bills, such as the one that removed the AAC form the SGA office. The same lesson usually instructs that the executive branch, which consists of the president and vice president, identical in this case, approves and then executes those bills passed by the legislative branch.

Our SGA is structured in the same fashion. Therefore, the veiled threats of attempting to disrupt the next administration of Rusty Broussard are seemingly ridiculous. As current vice-president, Mr. Broussard played no part in the removal of the AAC from the SGA office. Furthermore, such threats and general confrontational attitudes do little to advance one of the main goals that the AAC claims to strive for, that of unity.

David Gunn
outgoing SGA president

The *good*, the **bad** and the *ugly* -- Final Chapter

Four years gone and I am writing my last column in the esteemed Northwestern State University student newspaper.

I have been pondering what to say in my last column for a while now. I didn't want to do the old "thanks for everything" routine that seems to be the trend in every publication I have read. Nor did I want to just let the occasion pass with no mention of it.

I have decided to pay tribute to those who deserve their due. I want to point out the professors and administrators at this University that have a special place in my heart. These are just my personal favorites. This does not in anyway impugn anyone not named here. For the sake of space I had to trim it down to eight people. Sorry to anyone who is not named.

The five professors (in no particular order):

Alex Aichinger, Political Science: Always had a smile and a wit sharper than a Loranna Bobbit razor - An unconventional teacher who never hesitated to hear the voice of the students - He made learning about Publius fun, well maybe not fun, but I never fell asleep.

Melissa Kelly, Math – Explained polynomials and the quadratic formula to me like I was a four-year old – Got me through with decent grades and with my math background that was as good as a 100%.

Helen Sugarman, English – Made reading and learning about Thoreau and Longfellow enjoyable – Summer courses flew by and I actually looked forward to coming back the next day –The best discussion class I have ever had.

Comfort Pratt-Panford, Spanish – I have learned more Spanish from Senora Comfort in one semester than in a year and a half under other teachers -- Fun and unconventional with a genuine concern about her students progress – I just wish I could take Dr. Comfort again.

Steve Horton, Journalism – The man who made me a journalism major – I have known Steve since my freshman year when he was the director of alumni affairs – He has taught me everything I know about journalism and is just a nice guy – I'm not talking to a teacher when I talk to Steve, I'm talking to a friend.

The three administrators (in no particular order):

Randall J. Webb, University President – Dr. Webb has made me feel welcome and special since before I ever set foot on the campus – A Haynesville native, like myself, who really cares about the students – It will be a great loss if we lose him to SFA (I have to give him my nickel).

Chris Maggio, Director of Alumni Affairs – The biggest and most frequent smile on the planet – Remembers the name of every student he ever meets and cares about everyone of them – One reason why I came to this school in the first place when he was director of admissions – Keep on smiling and keep up the good work.

Tony Gustwick, Director of Institutional Advancement – He is the nicest man on this campus – Always there if I needed anything and never angry if I was late in putting together his monthly newsletter – Thanks for looking out for me when I was a wee lad, I will keep in touch.

Well, that's it. My eight favorite on this campus. Eight good ones that everybody should know.

So, what else can I say? I have enjoyed my time here. It has truly had the good, the bad and the ugly. Some people have gotten on my nerves and I am sure I got on theirs. The important thing is we all made it through. I did the best I could every week to bring you a good newspaper. I know that I made some mad. But it was never intentional and I want to say no hard feelings.

I am optimistic about the future of Northwestern. I won't delve into the President Webb situation, but *The Current Sauce* and SGA are going in good directions.

New SGA President Rusty Broussard is a hard worker and has already done a lot in his time in the SGA. Your new *Sauce* editor is none other than current sports editor Rondray Hill. The paper will go nowhere but up. Lots of good ideas between these two guys and they will do all they can to make things better at NSU.

I do have to thank a few people. Quickly, I want to say thanks to Gary Hardamon, David Gunn, Neil Ralston, Mary Brocato, David Antilley, Mrs. Dootsie McNeelly, Greg Granger, Scott Roach, Phillip Wise, Dan Seymour,Jerry Pierce,Duke Johnson, Roland Pippen and anyone else I may have accidentally forgotten.

The entire staff of *The Current Sauce* this year was indispensable to my efforts. Each one of you is a true friend and you will be missed. In particular, Kaleb, F. Scott, Rob and Rondray, you guys are my boys.

As for myself, I will not be editing the *Thrifty Nickel,* as one of my readers suggested, but doing an internship this summer in Monroe. After that, who knows where I will end up? One thing is for certain, as long as I have my Brandy I will be all right. You knew I had to say something mushy about my fiance, didn't you?

That's it.

Josh Beavers,
Editor

Student not impressed with Eddie Ifft's performance at SAB Coffehouse

I attended the SAB's Coffeehouse featuring comedian Eddie Ifft. I was very excited about attending the Coffeehouse because they have had good programs in the past, notably the Hypnotist C. J. and his sidekick, the Comedian/Magician, whose name escapes me at the present time. I waited patiently in the Alley with about 200 people. Eddie finally made his appearance, fifteen minutes late; however, his tardiness did not damper my enthusiasm for this event.

After listening to the comedian for about half an hour, I had given up hope for enjoyment from this event. As I was leaving, I was singled out and asked to give my name. I told Eddie and proceeded to meet my girlfriend who had just arrived. I have seen comedians perform in the past, and I could tell that Eddie was having some difficulty which is why I was not surprised when he called on me again to keep the show moving.

I obliged him as best I could because I wanted the show to be entertaining for the others in attendance. This was my reason for not leaving the show. However, I was still disappointed with the show for a number of reasons.

First, was the language of the show, I would repeat what Eddie said but I doubt even Josh will reproduce the vulgarities. Don't get me wrong, I curse as much as the next guy when the situation calls for it. And I think that expletives can be used in a comedy show, but they should be used as exclamation points. Eddie could not say a sentence without a curse word in it. After fifteen minutes I became numb to his cursing; after a half hour, I became annoyed with its excessive use. Saying the F- word over and over again is not funny. I think that his excessive cursing alienated the crowd from Eddie and made his job of entertaining even more difficult. What did he do to win the crowd back to his favor? Demonstrate his knowledge of other curse words.

Second was Eddie's subject matter. I think that Eddie was not funny when he made the freshman-caliber joke that he would like to try Sigma. I am not in a fraternity; however, I still don't find this "humor" funny or imaginative. Eddie went on to talk about his illegal use of marijuana. He encouraged the crowd to get high and then watch Jeopardy. I found all of his jokes regarding this subject matter far from funny.

Whether people want to admit it or not we have a drug problem here at NSU. We all know that there can be enormous peer pressure to use drugs. The SAB, which supposedly has the student's best interests at heart, should not hire someone to come here to promote drug use. Eddie was promoting drug use, even if he was not selling drugs in the Union, by trying to make the illegal use of drugs appear sociably acceptable.

Third, the entire show was toilet bowl humor. The show reminded me of ninth grade: when it was cool to curse incessantly, joke nonstop about getting with girls, and consume alcohol in an irresponsible manner. Undoubtedly there are some people who remain this immature. But I think that most of the people in college have advanced beyond this high school humor. If I wanted to listen to nonstop cursing I would have downloaded Blink-182's Family Reunion. If I wanted to hear someone bash the Greeks I would have reread Josh's article. If I wanted to listen to someone talk about masturbation, alcohol abuse, drug use, and be generally offensive I would have had a friend read me one of Tony's articles.

On the subject of Tony Blanco, I think that he would have been at least as "funny" as Eddie; if not funnier, because Tony has some acting ability and appears to be more creative. Not to mention that Tony would probably work for less. Thus, we could have a similar show for perhaps as little as one fifth of the budget.

In conclusion, I don't think that you have to appeal to the lowest common denominator in order to be funny. The men and women in attendance might have "only been college students" but that doesn't mean that a higher level of comedy can't entertain them. I thought the point of contracting someone outside of NSU was that we wanted someone with professional experience, someone who would have had experiences and stories that are different, new, and funny; not someone stuck in the English 910 class for their third semester. I think that in the future the SAB should choose comedians that can not only provide entertainment for an evening but also appeal to the higher intellectual capabilities of the audience. Perhaps we should call C. J.; maybe he has a friend that would fulfill these requirements.

Sincerely,

Beau "The Rebel" Boudreaux III
Senior Scholars' College

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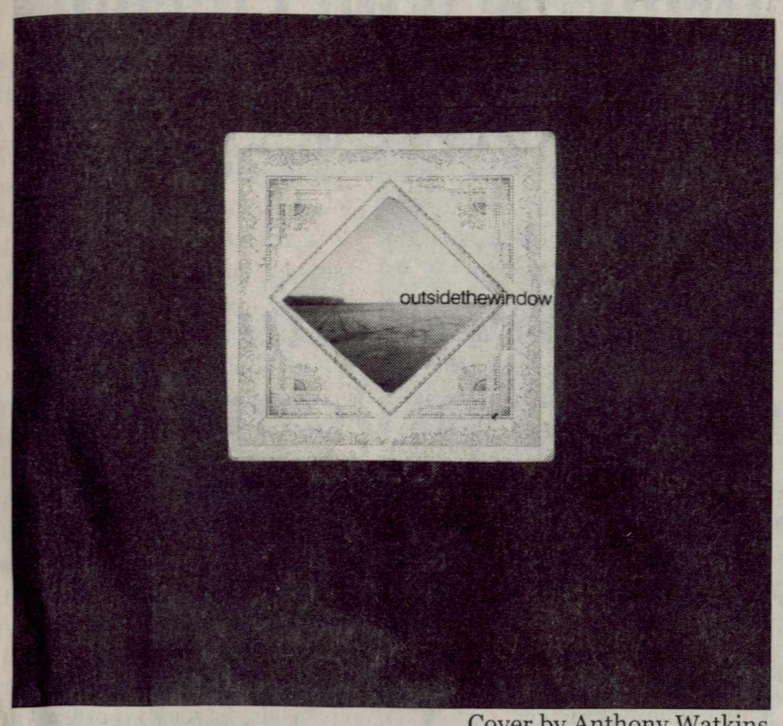
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LIFE

Argus: the publication that just won't go to print



Cover by Anthony Watkins
Outsidethewindow, the 2000-2001 edition of Argus will be available in May

Randall S. Frederick
LIFE Editor

Students can finally expect to see this years edition of the Northwestern literary magazine, *Argus*, sometime in May. Although late, the staff of *Argus* believes this years edition was worth the wait. The title for this year is *Outsidethewindow.* Yes, that is all one word.

Known to be artistic in nature, Argus has taken a decidedly different approach this year.

Anthony Watkins, designer for the magazine, said, "The 2000-2001 Argus is a merger of form and content, not just pictures and words."

Watkins is referring to the askew finished product. Where previous versions of the magazine were legible and more collected, *Outsidethewindow* has broken from tradition. An example of this is the scrawling that is throughout the book, often taking up whole pages of scribbles and circles upon circles, much like the drawing of a toddler. Watkins said the reason for the scrawling was, "To join the pages together and give it continuity. We had some trouble while editing, so we found this was a way to join the pages together."

In an effort to make the magazine "more interactive", Watkins and the *Argus* editorial staff took a new approach by breaking artistic pieces and printing them sideways and upside down in the middle of the work.

"We want the reader to interact with the magazine, not just read the words. Yes, it will be challenging to some readers, but this change is intentional. We encourage the viewer to interact with the *Argus*, to rotate it, to flip it around, turn it upside down, to question the imagery and it's connection with the written work."

Watkins emphasized that he and the Argus staff want readers to see Argus as a living entity, not just a book of collected artistic works.

"We want students to enjoy the magazine as a whole as well as each individual piece of work. There will be something new for the reader each time they venture inside."

There are over one hundred pieces of work, including poetry, drama, fiction, nonfiction and art. The artwork is in color for this edition, a first for the magazine.

Outsidethewindow is at the printers now, and can be expected by May, or when students return in the Fall.

Alan Pasch, *Bittersweet* senior art exhibition

Randall S. Frederick
LIFE Editor

Art student Alan Pasch premiered his Senior Art Exhibit on Monday, April 23. Despite bad weather, family and friends came out to the unveiling, in addition to about 50 other people, including professors and other art students. "It went really well, considering it was the only Senior Exhibit." said Pasch.

"Each piece of the exhibit was made completely of linoleum and woodprint, and the subjects were all family and friends." said Pasch of his inventive work.

The pieces were carefully carved and crafted to match the photos taken beforehand, creating a long process of making the finished product. Much patience was required.

"I'm very, very glad it's over. On the easiest, I spent about twenty hours," said Pasch. "It's a long process. You have to first take the photo, draw it on linoleum, carve it out, run an addition of prints, then frame it. So it takes a long time. There are blocks [at the end of the exhibit], where people can see the process."

Pasch did not have to complete the daunting task alone, though. He had help from his stepfather, who let Pasch borrow the necessary tools and also helped with framing. "All my professors were helpful too, giving me pointers and such," said Pasch. "They helped a lot as well."

Pasch modestly noted that the finished products were well received, when asked about audience response. "It's interesting to hear my professors tell people about my progression. Mr. Murphy, an art instructor, was telling my mom about how far I've come since my freshman year. It's always nice to hear them say things like that about you. It makes you realize how far you've come. The thing is, people can tell you, but unless you see it for yourself, you never realize it."

The exhibit will continue to be shown through Friday, April 27 in the NSU Closet Gallery.



Photo by Rachael Kidd
Alan Pasch, *Bittersweet* runs until April 27

Loss of ethical morals: review of *Blow*

By Mindy Mixon
Movie Review

Sometimes the simple truth can be so captivating. Johnny Depp's latest project *Blow* wonderfully portrayed the life of George Jung, a convicted cocaine distributor in the 80's. While Jung now rots away in a California prison, he certainly had a tumultuous ride before the fed's caught up to him. It reminded me of Hollywood hits like *Bonnie and Clyde* and *Billy the Kid*. You don't know why you want the criminals to escape, but you do.

Growing up with a money hungry mom and an honest working class dad, Jung jetted out west to California to live as far away from the Boston cold as he could. While there he perfected his tan, dated a girl named Barbie (I swear I'm not making this up), and discovered the world of marijuana. A short time later, him and Derrick Foreal (played by Paul Reubens, the former PeeWee Herman) were busy supplying the East Coast college kids with pot.

After serving some jail time, Jung got in good with his hard-core drug using roomie, Diego Delgado, and decided to promote himself to the distribution of cocaine. After making all his contacts in Colombia he became one of "the guys" in the drug kingpin world. But a fast rise to power mixed with money, greed and deception can take a nasty turn for the worst.

The plot mixes every vice imaginable: seduction, drug abuse, greed and betrayal. Penelope Cruz plays Mirtha, Jung's exotic Colombian wife whose love knows no bounds as long as some coke and money are handy.

While this storyline has been used before, I recommend taking the time to watch Depp in action. He and Cruz light up the screen with passion and his heartache becomes your heartache. And as the credits roll and the real George Jung's face appears, you remember that this is real and it's hard to believe that one lone man could have fallen so far off the beaten path.

Example of the decline of Hollywood: review of *Freddy Got Fingered*

Mindy Mixon
Movie Review

Since I have taken the job as a movie critic for The Current Sauce, I have been subjected to quite a few movies - some I would never have seen if the objective was solely for my viewing pleasure. Oh, how I wish Tom Green's latest piece of garbage would have been part of the latter.

Freddy Got Fingered was without a doubt the stupidest, vilest, most unoriginal attempt at humor ever thrown together.

Since Green played a humorous character in the hit *Road Trip*, I thought I would give his new movie a try. I can't tell you the ending because I walked out. Yes, it offended and disgusted me that much. What part, you might ask, degraded American society (as well as women) so much? Well, in an opening scene, Green cusses out an old lady while almost running her over with his car, then proceeds to masturbate a horse and gut a dead deer to literally wear it's remains. All of this is within the first twenty minutes. Don't worry, though, because it gets worse.

Another revolting scene occurs when Green delivers a baby and cuts the umbilical cord with his teeth (this is after he swings the baby around the room by the cord, mind you). His friend cracks his shin bone and Green licks the wound with his tongue and finally he repeats his experience with the horse, this time with an elephant.

In case your wondering what mindless plot accompanies this asinine story, I won't keep you in suspense any longer. Green is a twenty-eight year old loser who still lives at home but finally treks out to Hollywood to work in a cheese factory. While there, he will try to get his animations sold to a reputable firm (think *South Park* on acid).

The creative title originates from a scene where Green turns his father in for fingering his younger brother. The dad is arrested, the son is taken to a mental institution. This, of course, opens the doors for some really tasteless sex jokes.

I like humor and I love to laugh, but surely there is an invisible line somewhere for this type of insanity. Forget for a moment that the movie is offensive, immoral and pure trash. Lets deal strictly with the story line. The material just is not funny. America is a great place, but it's sad when a film like this is given a green light for production. This project extends beyond the socially acceptable "crude bathroom humor" and insults the viewer's intelligence. And for those of you who have seen the film and it didn't insult your intelligence, then you're an idiot and you have no intelligence to insult.

The worst part of this experience was that most of the packed audience laughed and supported this type of ungodly bantering. I never thought I would say this but my mom was right, the morals of this country have slowly dissipated and the entertainment just isn't what it used to be.

From the LIFE Editor

Randall S. Frederick
LIFE Editor Opinion

As another semester closes, we are yet again faced with the same trials. Friends graduate, leaving us to survive on our own. Finals put us at the door of death with stress, anxiety, fear, and lack of sleep. And then there is always the question of "What are you going to do on the break?", for which many of us have no real plans to answer with.

I'm going to be honest for a moment, and as some of the faithful Current Sauce readers know, when I'm honest, it can sometimes spell trouble. I assure you in advance that this won't be one of those articles.

I am losing a very good friend this semester. He has been my boss, my confidant, my mentor, and above all else, my friend. I am not sad, because I know his life will be blessed. But here's one of the things I've learned from him: The most important lessons are not learned in the classroom. Finals are not final. They are simply the last in a series, and have no more relevance beyond a grade.

Our generation has been conditioned to believe that the grades are all-important. Your social standing is decided by GPA. I know from experience that there have been a good many exams and quizzes I have passed simply because I temporarily stored the knowledge necessary.

The most important lessons we will learn at college are apt to be those that never crossed our modern minds. They are apt to be ones you will not fully realize until an idle Tuesday, while sitting at a red light, long after Pomp and Circumstance has faded into the background and been replaced with a child singing Row, Row, Row Your Boat for the hundredth time that afternoon.

Think back on the last year, or for those of you graduating, the last four years. Does the square root of pi still astound you so much that it keeps you awake at night? Does the War of 1812 still haunt your dreams? Chances are the answer is a resounding "No".

So what did you really accomplish, then? What did you really learn? What are you running from? No one can answer these question but you.

As I sit here, editing the last paper of the semester, I must admit I don't know how you will react to these questions. I don't know your situation, where you're going, or even where you've been. But I know this: unless you face yourself, realize who you are on the inside, without limitations of major or campus status, you haven't learned a thing. To know one's self is the hardest thing, because your mind will fool your soul. But if you know who you are, where you're going, and acknowledge that there is a Higher Power, and you are most definitely not Him, then have completed your training.

Entertainment News

In an unprecedented turnabout, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* will move from the WB to rival network UPN this fall - and its sister series *Angel* may follow it there. After months of intense negotiations, the WB ultimately refused to cave in to the financial demands of *Buffy*'s producer, 20th Century Fox, paving the way for UPN to snatch it up. According to Variety, the deal "represents the first time in modern TV history that a hit series has jumped networks solely over economic issues." The home of *Moesha* and *WWF Smackdown!* has ordered 44 installments of Buffy to air over two years at a per-episode price of $2.33 million. The UPN pact also includes a two-year pickup for the *Buffy* spinoff *Angel* if the WB decides to cancel it - a move that now appears likely.

Even an 11th hour publicity stunt/pregnancy prank on *The Tonight Show* proved to be no help to Tom Green's gross-out comedy *Freddy Got Fingered.* The dismally reviewed pic debut at No. 5 at the box office with an icky $7.3 million. The news was equally bad for Aussie actor Paul Hogan, whose critically savaged *Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles* opened at No. 4 with a tepid $8 million.

The name's Butler, Gerard Butler. The little-known Scottish actor, best known for last year's Wes Craven Presents: Dracula 2000, is reportedly the frontrunner to succeed Pierce Brosnan as James Bond. According to the Daily Record, producer Barbara Broccoli has set up a meeting with Butler to discuss the role. Brosnan's contract, the newspaper reports, expires after his fourth Bond pic - which goes into production in January.

Elisabeth Rohm - best known for her roles on TNT's *Bull* and the WB's *Angel* will replace Angie Harmon as the Assistant District Attorney on NBC's *Law & Order* next season, a show rep now confirms. Rohm's character is described as "an extremely gifted, intelligent and aggressive young prosecutor with Harvard Law Review on her résumé and aspirations beyond the District Attorney's office." She'll debut in the show's 12th season premiere in the fall.

Sarah Michelle Gellar, 24, and Freddie Prinze Jr., 25, got engaged over the Easter weekend, according to their publicist, Leslie Sloan. The couple, who have been dating for three years, are currently filming Scooby-Doo in Australia. No wedding date has been set.

Barbara Streisand is attempting to put together a group of Democratic investors to launch a cable news network, according to U.S. News & World Report. Streisand reportedly is looking for a means to counter those she considers "Republican talking heads" on other news outlets.

An error was made in the 4/19/01 edition of the Current Sauce. The review about *Bridget Jones' Diary* was written by an Associated Press writer, not Mindy Mixon. The Editor apologizes for his mistake.

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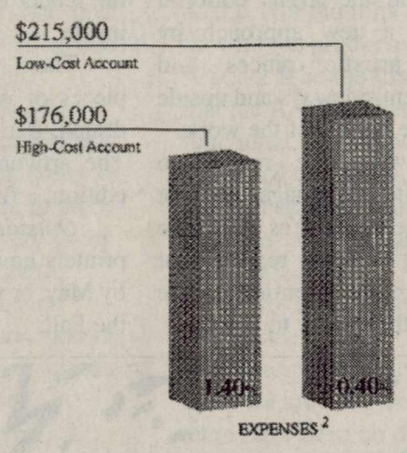
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Sports

McConathy deals with illness on the court

By Bridget Woods
Sports reporter

This semester while the men's basketball team battled on the courts to earn a place in the NCAA tournament, their coach, Mike McConathy was in a private battle on the sidelines.

McConathy, son of the Demon basketball All-American Johnny McConathy, has led the men's basketball team to its most successful season in 18 years. His coaching career has been very successful, and he has emerged as one of the nation's top junior college coaches of the 1990's. He has coached at several places including Bossier Parish Community College.

McConathy's battle began this year on Feb. 17. McConathy and his team were on the road against Southwest Texas, in San Marcos. McConathy said during the first-half of the game, he felt faint. A few moments later, he fell unconscious on the sidelines. He was rushed to a nearby hospital and was monitored during his stay. After his release, McConathy was advised by doctors to wear a heart monitor to determine if his heart was the source of his symptoms.

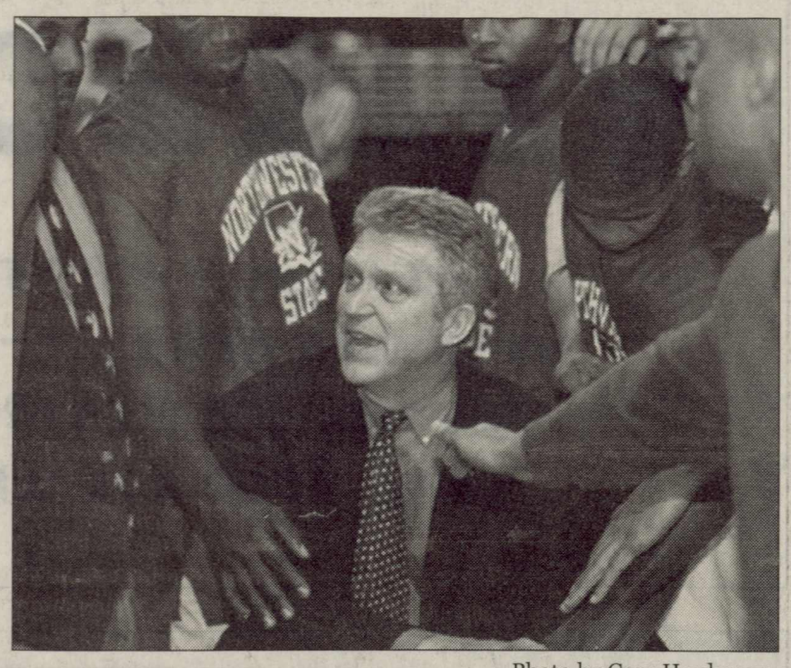


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Coach Mike McConathy leads his team in a huddle at a time-out. His heart condition, nureo cardio genetic syncroncy, has not affected his coaching, according to his players.

From examining the results of the heart monitor, McConathy's doctors determined his heart was healthy and was not the cause of his problem. McConathy was diagnosed with nureo cardio genetic syncroncy. According to an article written by doctors from Johns Hopkins Hospital, it is a rare condition that causes faintness because of an abnormal reflex interaction between the heart and brain. The symptoms occur after a person rises from sitting, stoops or leans over. Blood pools in the legs through the effects of gravity. To compensate for the lower amount of blood returning to the heart immediately after standing, the heart rate increases because of adrenaline. This reduces the amount of blood and oxygen to the brain.

Players could see McConathy's illness from the sidelines. Some of his players first noticed his illness this semester during the first half of the game against Southwest Texas.

"They basically saw me pass out at a ballgame, I was picked up off the floor and set on the bench," McConathy said.

Before his symptoms started affecting him, McConathy would often participate in heated confrontations during the game. However, to reduce the chances of falling unconscious again while coaching, McConathy had to adapt his coaching methods in order to prevent the illness from affecting his performance as a coach. He said there are some things he has done to lessen his symptoms.

"I try to be a little calmer, and by being calm, I'm not up and down getting myself in a stressed situation," McConathy said.

One of his players has noticed changes in McConathy's behavior and said he is still an effective coach. According to Mensah "Pooh" Davis, McConathy has changed his behavior, but has not changed the way he coaches.

"He seems less likely to engage in something controversial," Davis said. "He lets the other coaches take control of his controversial situation. He does the same things he always did, but he knows when to sit back and not press and force things."

McConathy believes his symptoms do not prevent him from doing his job on the court. He said it is something he has managed and now has under control.

"I've adapted to my illness and I've learned to live with it," McConathy said.

McConathy's illness only seems to affect him while he is on the court fulfilling his duties as a coach. His wife, Connie McConathy, said while he is at home, he has no symptoms. She believes the illness is not a big problem for him and will not put an end to his coaching career.

"I'm not worried, really. The awareness about the illness is what he needed and I think he's figured this out," Connie said.

Boggs named sports editor

By Cooda Dobin
Sports reporter

Readers can look forward to an entirely different approach to the sports page in the fall's editions of *The Current Sauce*.

Elona Boggs has been named the new sports editor for the fall.

Boggs, who is majoring in journalism with an emphasis in News Editorial, will replace the current sports editor, Rondray Hill, after he assumes the position of Editor-in-chief in the fall of 2001.

"I know she will do a good job," Hill said. "She is a good writer and knows how to find good stories."

In the fall of 2000, Boggs tied for 12th place honors in the 41st Annual William Randolph Hearst Competition for opinions writing. This semester, she received a regional Society of Professional Journalists Mark of Excellence Award for general column writing.

Boggs has been a reporter for *The Current Sauce* since her freshmen year. She feels privileged to be named the new sports editor, and she feels a female sports editor will bring something new to the page.

"I have never known a female to hold this position at *The Current Sauce*," Boggs said.

Some of Boggs' responsibilities will be to give broad coverage to all sports and inform readers of other campus activities involving sports. Most importantly, Boggs' new title will allow her to make decisions concerning publishing and editing the final drafts of every story introduced in the sport section.

Boggs says she is already looking forward to making a few changes to the paper's sports page.

"I will try to give intramural and other athletic events that I feel have been neglected in the past more recognition," Boggs said.

Boggs, who will be a senior upon accepting the promotion, plans to intern this summer with the *Lake Charles American Press* in Lake Charles, La. She will report and write feature stories. After college, Boggs hopes to pursue a career in magazine writing.

"I have never known a female to hold this position at The Current Sauce."

Elona Boggs
Fall 2001 Sports Editor

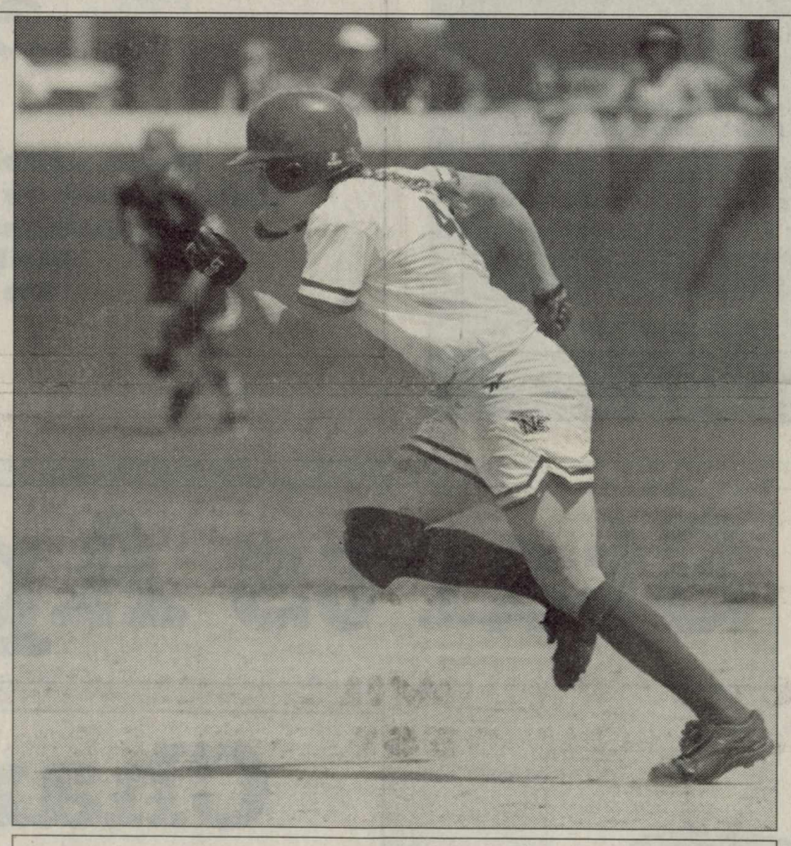


Photo by Gary Hardamon
Annie Johnston steals a base in the game against Stephen F. Austin on Sunday afternoon. Johnston had a 3-for-3 performance on the plate as well as a pair of stolen bases. The Northwestern State University Demon softball team beat SFA 3-1.

NSU Baseball Schedule

At LA-Monroe	April 27, 7 p.m.
At LA-Monroe	April 28, 3 p.m.
At LA-Monroe	April 29, 1 p.m.
At Centenary	May 2, 7 p.m.
At LA-Tech	May 8, 6 p.m.
At SW-Texas	May 11, 3 p.m.
At SW-Texas	May 12, 7 p.m.
SLC Tourney	May 16-19

NSU Softball Schedule

At TX-SA	April 28, 1 p.m.
At TX-SA	April 29, 1 p.m.
SLC Tourney	May 4-6

Taylor, three Demons sign free agent contracts in NFL

By Rondray Hill
Sports Reporter

The all-time leading rusher in NSU history will trade purple and white for Cowboy blue.

Demon tailback Tony Taylor signed a free agent contract with the Dallas Cowboys after the draft.

Taylor was one of three other Demons to sign free agent contracts. Albert Traylor, Darvell Bivens and Oscar Comeaux were picked up by the Saints, Giants and Vikings respectively.

" Some people have told me that it's better to be a free agent than a late-round pick because you can pick the situation your in," Taylor said. "I'm determined to go in and make the team."

Taylor's next stop is to the Cowboys' mini-camp starting tomorrow. He's expected to make a contribution in special teams and as a third-down back.

Taylor is a three-time first-team all-conference player as well as the offensive Player of the Year in the conference. He's sixth all time in rushing in the state of Louisiana and holds 13 career Demon records.

Demon receiver T.J. Sutherland is still expected to sign with a Canadian football league team.

Comeaux, a 6-4 transfer tackle, will join former Demons Kenny Wright and Keith Thibodeaux on the Minnesota Viking's roster. Comeaux played all 22 games during his two years here.

Traylor is a two-time conference selection in the Southland conference and was a three-year starter for the Demons.

Bivens played in spot duty for the Demons in 21 career games. He had 27 carries for 199 yards and one touchdown.

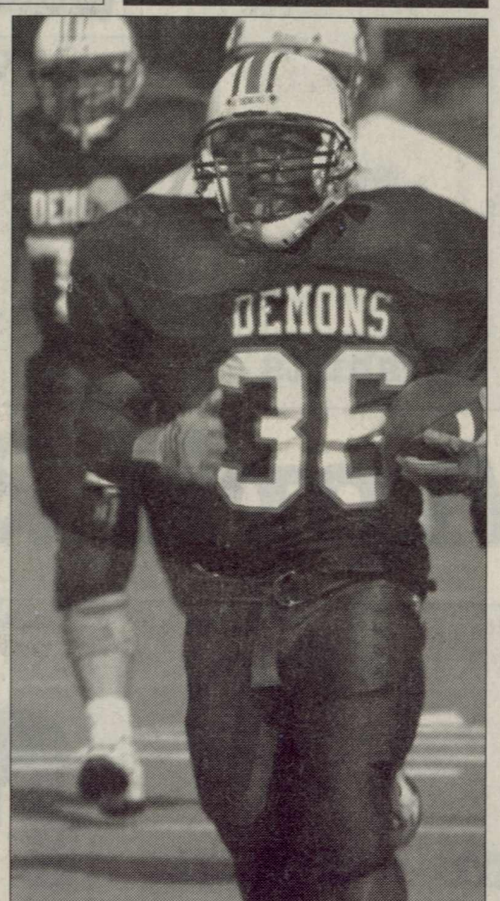


Photo by Gary Hardamon
Runningback Tony Taylor will compete for the back up job to Dallas star Emmitt Smith

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From The Sports Editor

By Rondray Hill
Sports Editor

I know that you guys didn't forget about those predictions I made earlier this year, did you?

I didn't. So I decided to list them again and compare. We'll see how well I've done.

1) Minnesota Vikings beat the Baltimore Ravens 35-10 in the Super Bowl.
Yeah, right! Like you had the Giants going to the Super Bowl. I don't want to hear it on this one.

2) Someone from the Lady Demon basketball team has this year's freshman of the year.
Well, I missed the mark on this one. But don't worry, because if there were a sophomore of the year award...no one on this team would still win it.

3) The Lady Demon basketball team sweeps SFA...next year.
But they got one this year. Hey, the small victories are the most important ones.

4) SFA wins the conference tournament.
My prediction for next year: SFA loses in the conference tournament. I think. Maybe.

5) Micheal Byars-Dawson wins SLC newcomer of the year award.
Darn Copy Editors. I meant to say SLC tournament MVP, but they deleted that part out.

6) The Demons have someone, ANYONE, make the all-conference team.
Right on the mark! Chris Thompson and Byars-Dawson made me look good on this one.

7) Demons go to the NCAA Tournament, beating McNeese in the finals.
Call me Nostradamus or a prophet or whatever!

8) Demon Baseball wins the first game against LSU.
Well, by first game I meant the home game, but not the rained out one, but...well you get the picture. We beat LSU at home!

9) Lyn Rollins, the voice of the Demon Sports Network, uses that "confused as a duck in the desert" reference more than twice this season.
Sarcophagous (pronounced SAR-caf-ah-gus). It means "a tomb." As in "Chris Thompson is surrounded like a Sarcophagous by McNeese." Yeah, Lyn dropped this 12-letter bomb on us this year.

10) Demon softball wins SLC without Coach McNutt.
Well this one didn't pan out too well. Who told Southwest Texas they could be that good this year.

11) Southern Mississippi Softball wins CUSA with Coach McNutt.
FYI: 36-10, 13-4 in the C-USA. You go Coach McNutt!

12) Demon track team will send four or five members to the U.S Nationals again.
I'd bet that we'll see Craig Nall get to the Nationals this year. That's just a hunch.

13) Demon Tennis still finishes middle of the road in the SLC.
They didn't make it to the conference tournament, but they turned a few heads this year. My guess is that next year they'll get to the promised land.



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